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How to Make YOUR Body Bring You FAME

... Instead of SHAME!

ARE YOU
Skinny?
Weak?
Flabby?

Will You Let Me
Prove I Can Make You
a New Man?

I KNOW what it means to have the kind of body that people pity! Of course, you wouldn't know it to look at me now, but I was once a skinny weakling who weighed only 97 lbs.! I was ashamed to strip for sports or undress for a swim. I was such a poor specimen of physical development that I was constantly self-conscious and embarrassed. And I felt only HALF-ALIVE.

But later I discovered the secret that turned me into "The World's Most Perfectly Developed Man." And now I'd like to prove to you that the same system can make a NEW MAN of YOU!

What "Dynamic Tension" Will Do For You

I don't care how old or young you are or how ashamed of your present physical condition you may be. If you can simply raise your arm and flex it I can add SOLID MUSCLE to your biceps—yes, on each arm—in double-quick time! Only 15 minutes a day—right in your own home—is all the time I ask of you! And there's no cost if I fail.

I can broaden your shoulders, strengthen your back, develop your whole muscular system INSIDE and OUTSIDE! I can add inches to your chest, give you a vise-like grip, make those legs of yours lithe and powerful. I can shoot new strength into your old backbone, exercise those inner organs, help you cram your body so full of pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality that you won't feel there's even "standing room" left for weakness and that lazy feeling! Before I get through with you I'll have your whole frame "measured" to a nice new, beautiful suit of muscle!

Only 15 Minutes A Day

No "ifs," "ands" or "maybes." Just tell me where you want handsome, powerful muscles. Are you fat and flabby? Or skinny and gawky? Are you short-winded, peepish? Do you hold back and let others walk off with the prettiest girls, best jobs, etc.? Then write for details

about "Dynamic Tension" and learn how I can make you a healthy, confident, powerful HE-MAN.

"Dynamic Tension" is an entirely NATURAL method. Only 15 minutes of your spare time daily is enough to show amazing results—and it's actually fun. "Dynamic Tension" does the work.

"Dynamic Tension!" That's the ticket! The identical natural method that I myself developed to change my body from the scrawny, skinny-chested weakling I was at 17 to my present super-man physique! Thousands of other fellows are becoming marvellous physical specimens—my way. I give you no gadgets or contraptions to fool with. When you have learned to develop your strength through "Dynamic Tension," you can laugh at artificial muscle-makers. You simply utilize the DORMANT muscle-power in your own body—watch it increase and multiply into real, solid LIVE MUSCLE.

My method—"Dynamic Tension"—will turn the trick for you. No theory—every exercise is practical. And, man, so easy! Spend only 15 minutes a day in your own home. From the very start you'll be using my method of "Dynamic Tension" almost unconsciously every minute of the day—walking, bending over, etc.—to BUILD MUSCLE and VITALITY.

FREE BOOK "Everlasting Health and Strength"

In it I talk to you in straight-from-the-shoulder language. Packed with inspirational pictures of myself and pupils—fellows who became NEW MEN in strength, my way. Let me show you what I helped THEM do. See what I can do for YOU! For a real thrill, send for this book today. AT ONCE. CHARLES ATLAS, Dept. 338B, 115 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y.



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Atlas

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"The World's
Most Perfectly
Developed Man."
As he looks to-
day, from actual
untouched snap-
shot.

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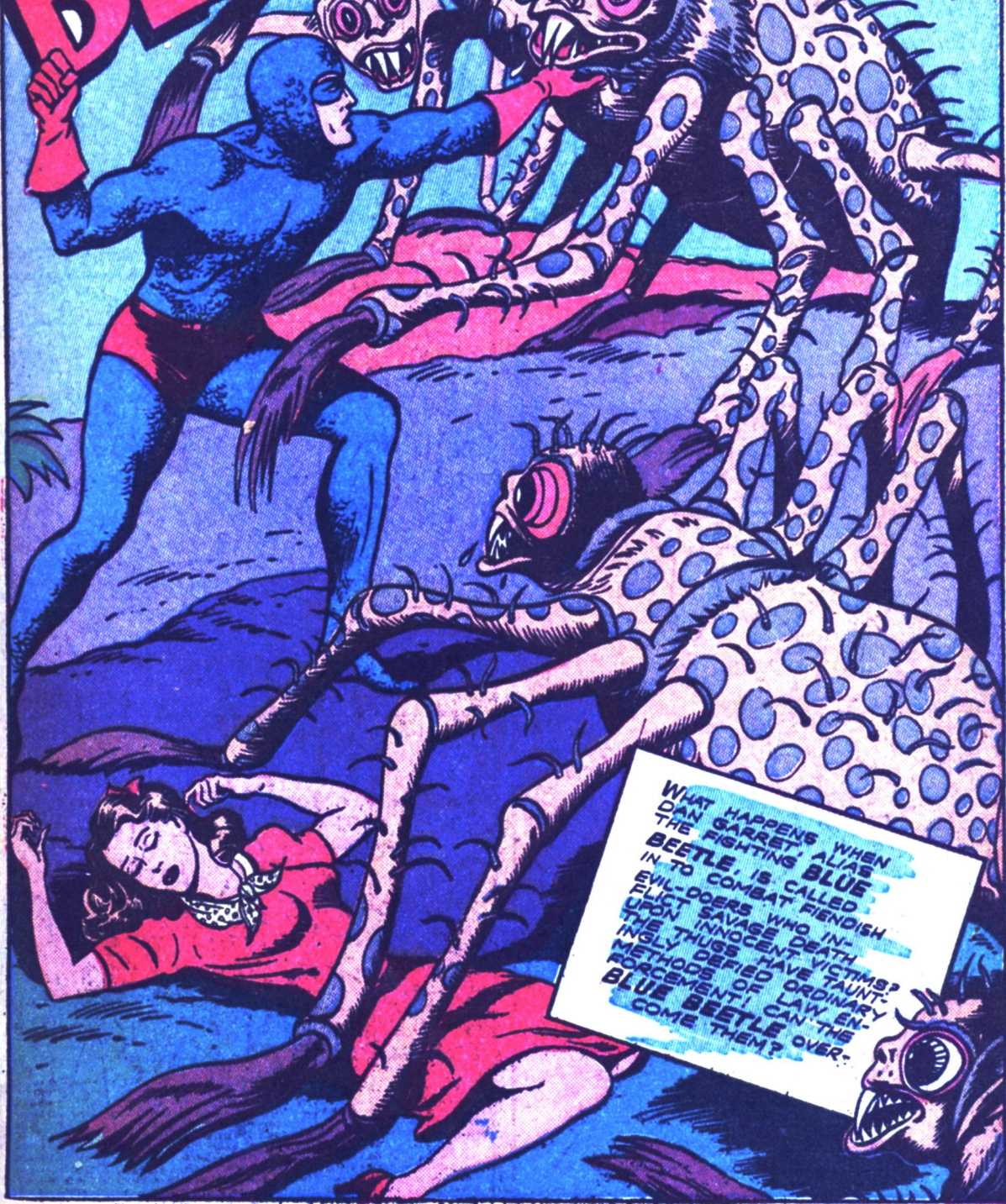
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BLUE BEETLE



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
DAN GARRET, ALIAS
THE FIGHTING BLUE
BEETLE, IS CALLED
IN TO COMBAT FIERDISH
EVIL-DOERS WHO IN-
FLICT SAVAGE DEATH
UPON INNOCENT VICTIMS?
THE THUGS HAVE TAUNT-
INGLY DERIDED ORDINARY
METHODS OF LAW EN-
FORCEMENT! CAN THE
BLUE BEETLE OVER-
COME THEM?

DAN GARRET AND HIS SWEETHEART, TINA, ARE ON THEIR WAY TO CHICAGO...

WE LEFT THE CITY SO SUDDENLY, DAN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO TELL ME WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

I'M ON LEAVE FROM MY F.B.I.-MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WORK, TINA. THE CHICAGO POLICE HAVE ASKED MY HELP IN BREAKING UP AN UNUSUAL KIDNAP GANG THAT SEEMS TO HAVE A NAZI TIE-UP!

IN CHICAGO...

THE GANG WE'RE AFTER IS LED BY A MAN NAMED SPIDER JOE, AND HELPED BY A NAZI CALLED LOTHAR MUELLER!

BUT WHAT DOES THIS GANG DO?

KIDNAPPING! THEY DEMAND HUGE RANSOMS! IF THESE AREN'T PAID, THEY DROP THE VICTIMS INTO THE BLACK PIT... A ROOM FILLED WITH POISONOUS SPIDERS AND SNAKES! THEN THEY RETURN THE DEAD BODIES... HORRIBLY BLOATED AND FILLED WITH POISON!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE HIDEOUT OF SPIDER JOE...

I HAF INFORMATION DOT DER INVENTOR, ROBERT HARMON, ISS A VERY RICH MAN! UND HE HAS A DAUGHTER...

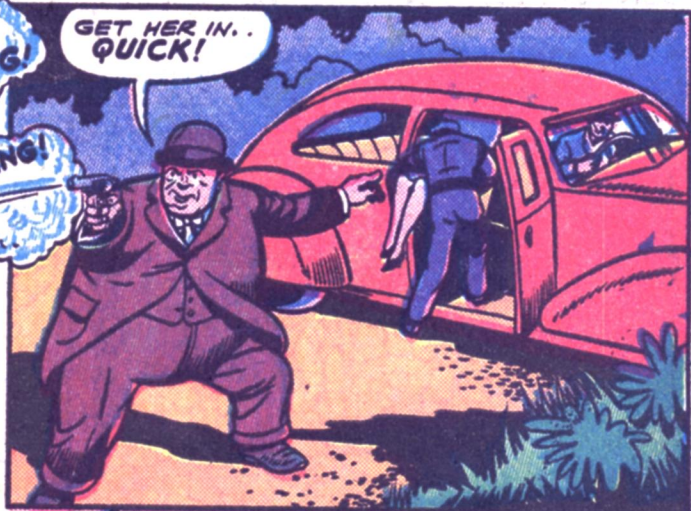
OKAY, MUELLER! HARMON'S DAUGHTER WILL BE OUR NEXT LITTLE VICTIM! HARMON WILL PAY PLENTY... OR ELSE!

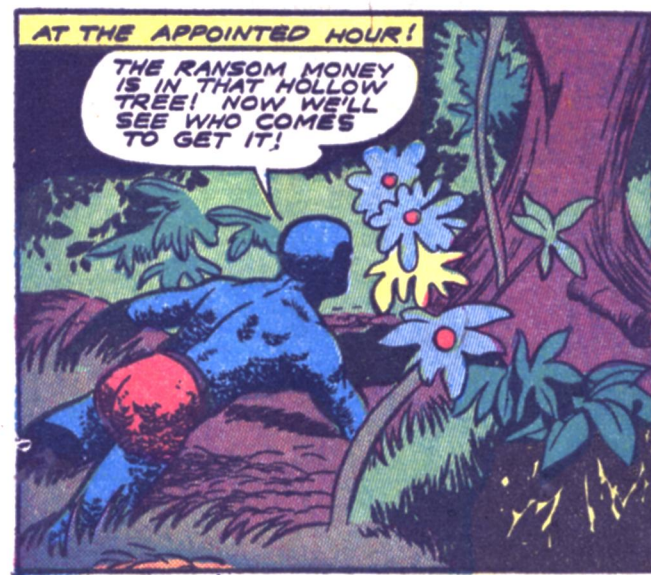
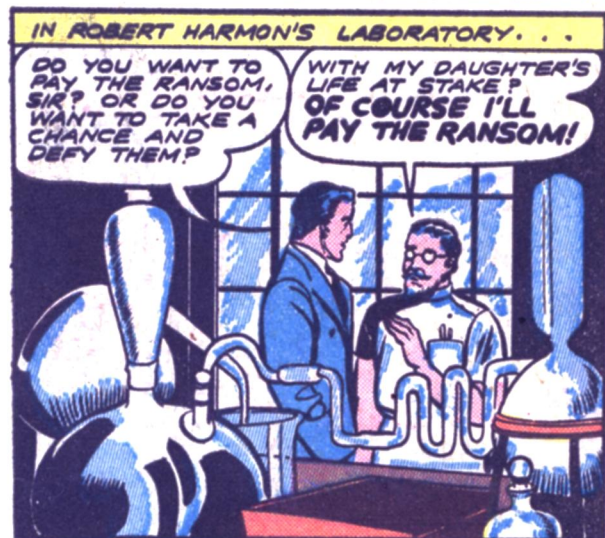
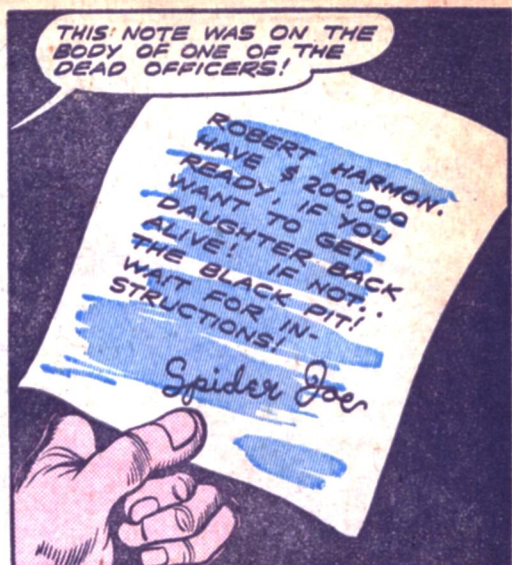
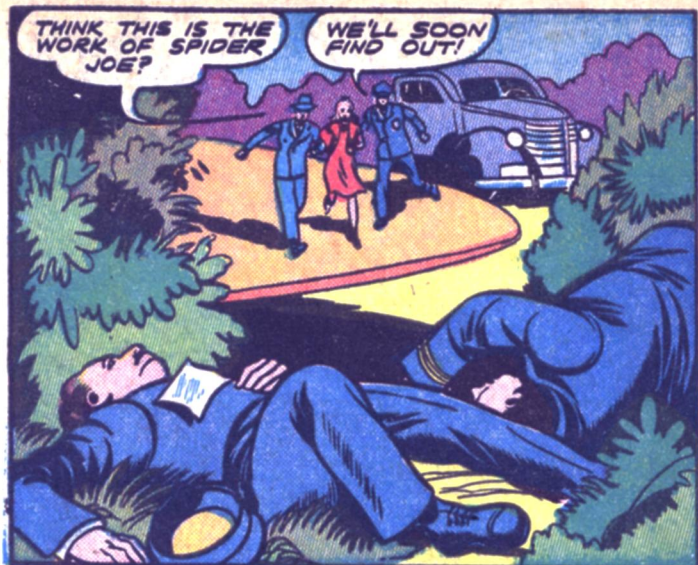
WE WILL MAKE A GOOD HAUL ON DIS!

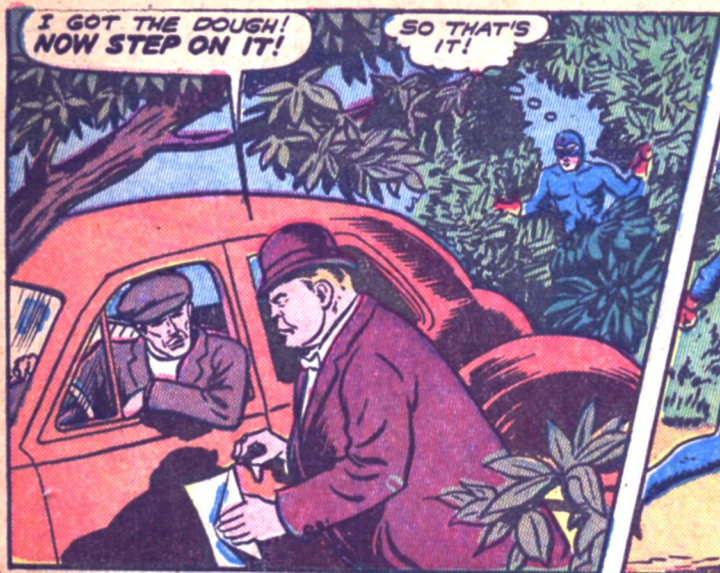
UND HARMON WILL BE TOO UPSET TO FINISH DER SECRET ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN HE ISS WORKING ON! I SERVE DER FATHERLAND... UND MAKE MONEY FOR MYSELF!

DER GIRL GOES TO DER OFFICES OF DER RED CROSS EVERY EVENING! SHE LEAVES HER HOME AT 8 O'CLOCK...

WE'LL NAB HER AS SHE GOES THROUGH THE PARK!

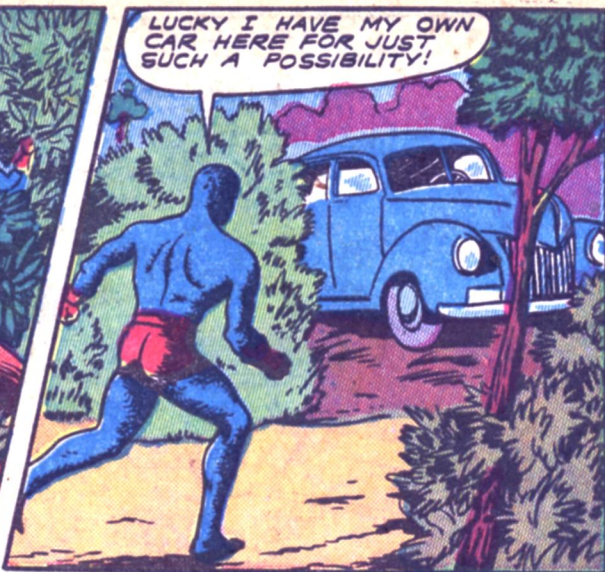




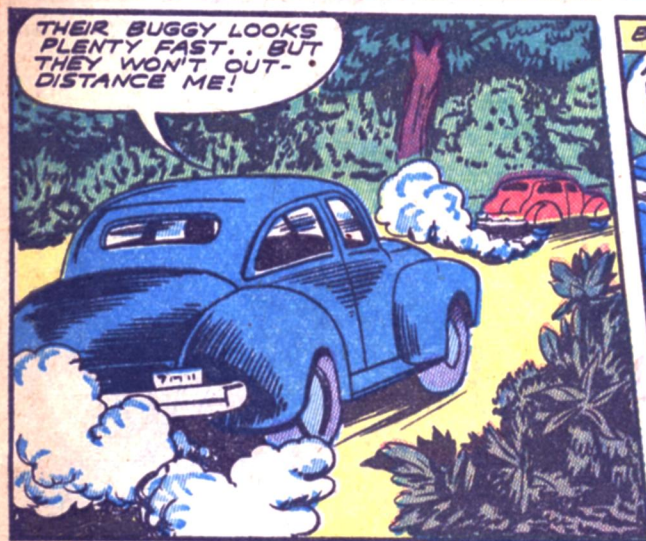


I GOT THE DOUGH!
NOW STEP ON IT!

SO THAT'S
IT!



LUCKY I HAVE MY OWN
CAR HERE FOR JUST
SUCH A POSSIBILITY!



THEIR BUGGY LOOKS
PLENTY FAST... BUT
THEY WON'T OUT-
DISTANCE ME!



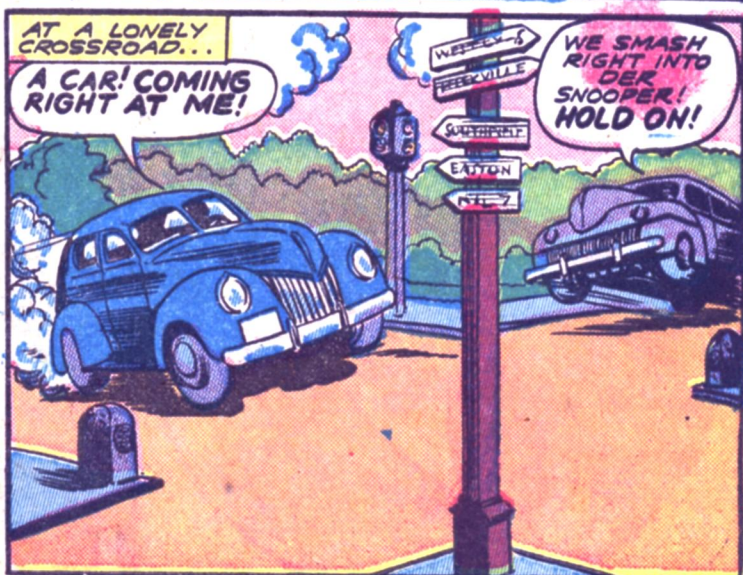
BEHIND A THICK TREE... MUELLER!

A SNOOPER! JUST WHAT
WE WERE AFRAID OF!
WE'LL SETTLE DAT
FELLOW'S HASH!



WHAT ARE
WE GONNA
DO, MUELLER?

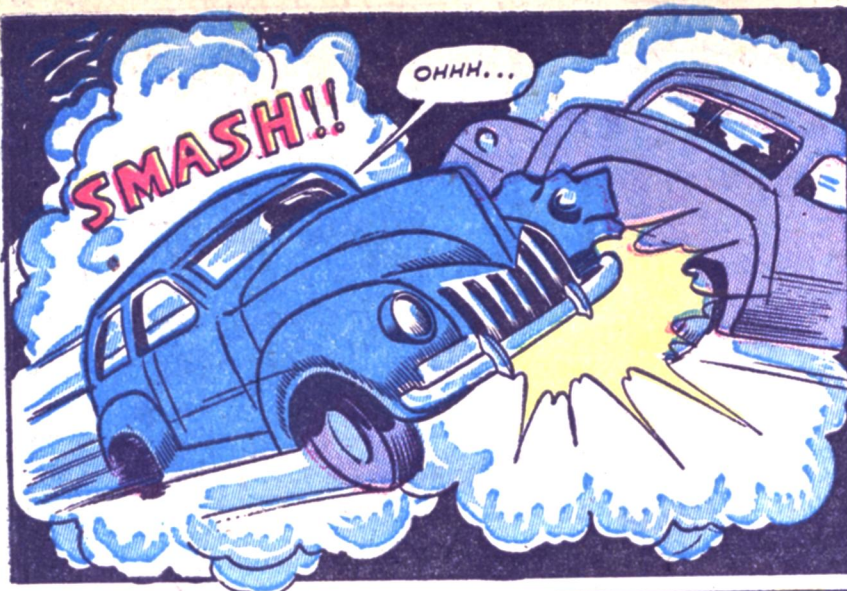
I SHOW YOU!
GET INTO
DER CAR!



AT A LONELY
CROSSROAD...

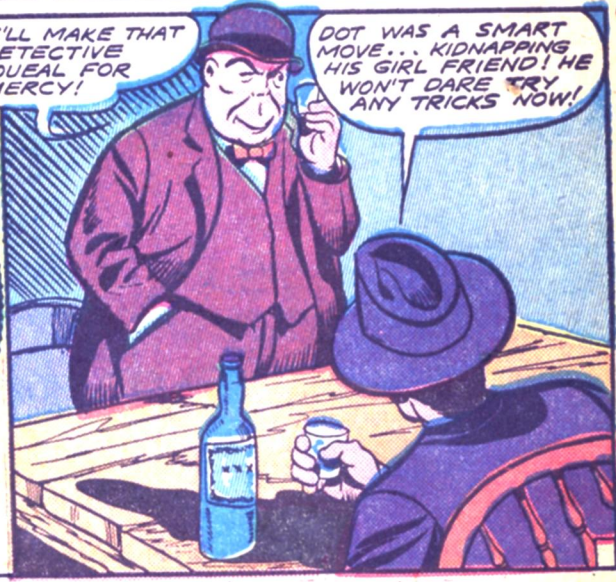
A CAR! COMING
RIGHT AT ME!

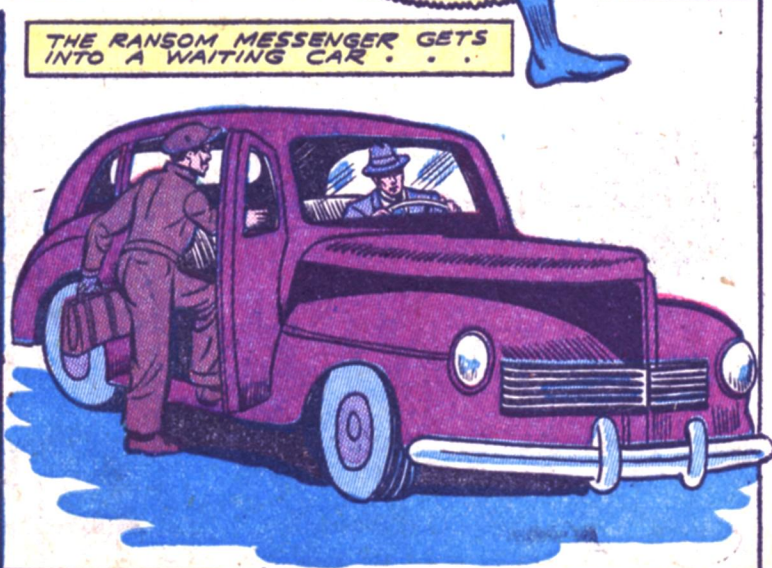
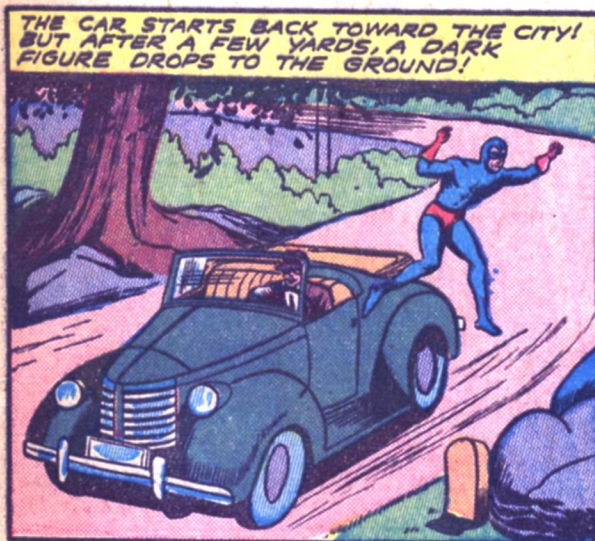
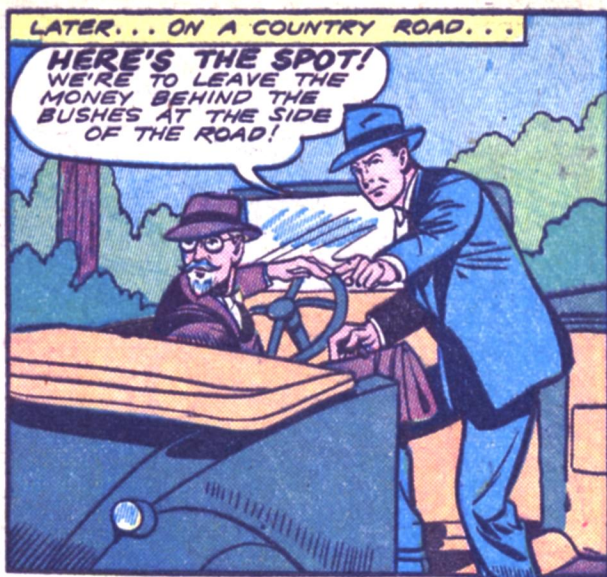
WE SMASH
RIGHT INTO
DER
SNOOPER!
HOLD ON!



BACK IN THE CITY...

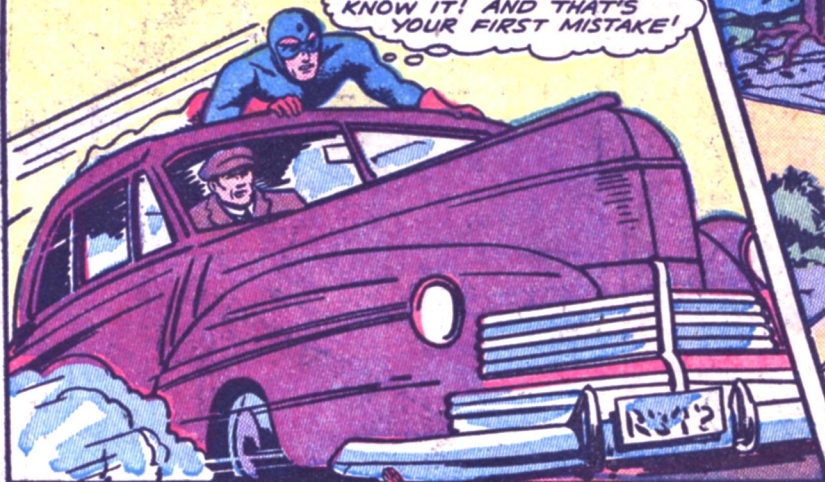
THEY GOT AWAY, MR. HARMON, BUT...



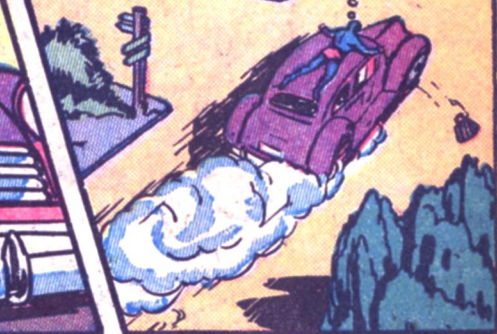


AND DRIVES OFF! BUT HE IS NOT ALONE!

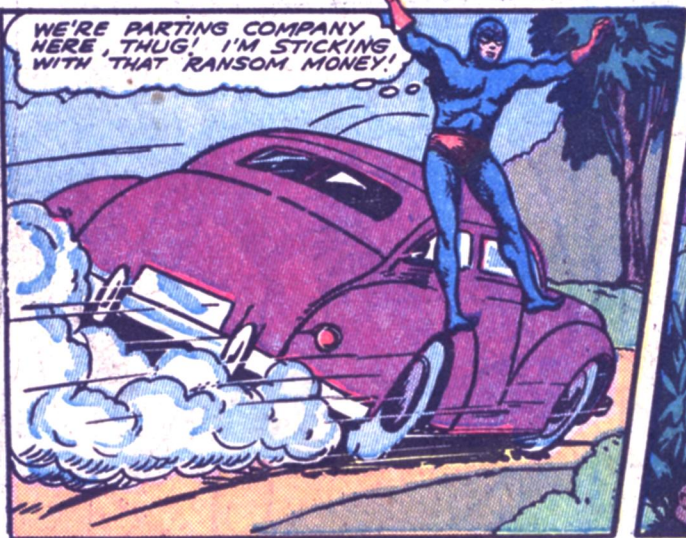
YOU'VE GOT A PASSENGER, MUG, ONLY YOU DON'T KNOW IT! AND THAT'S YOUR FIRST MISTAKE!



VERY SLICK! YOU GET RID OF THE RANSOM MONEY AND KEEP GOING, TO LEAD OFF ANYBODY WHO MAY BE FOLLOWING!



WE'RE PARTING COMPANY HERE, THUG! I'M STICKING WITH THAT RANSOM MONEY!

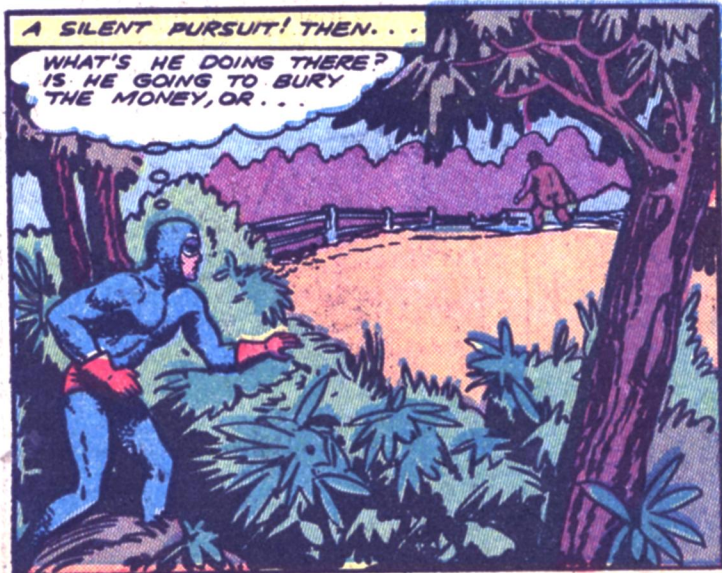


AND THERE'S THE FAT VULTURE FOR THE MONEY BAG! I THINK THE TRAIL'S GETTING HOT!



A SILENT PURSUIT! THEN...

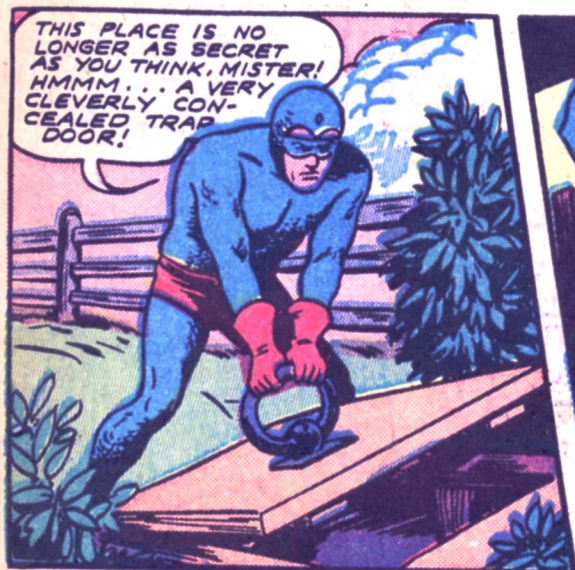
WHAT'S HE DOING THERE? IS HE GOING TO BURY THE MONEY, OR...



A HIDDEN ENTRANCE...

NOBODY BUT MUELLER AND A FEW OF MY GANG KNOW WHERE THE BLACK PIT IS!





THIS PLACE IS NO LONGER AS SECRET AS YOU THINK, MISTER! HMMM... A VERY CLEVERLY CONCEALED TRAP DOOR!



AN ABANDONED MINE SHAFT! NO WONDER THE POLICE COULD NEVER FIND SPIDER JOE'S HEAD-QUARTERS!



NOW IF I CAN JUST CATCH THEM OFF GUARD...

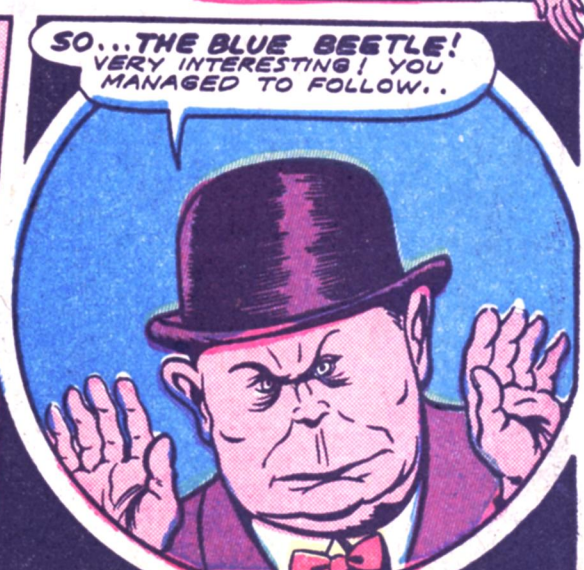


TINA AND BETTY HARMON! AND THOSE TWO RATS ARE TOO BUSY GLOATING TO BE ON THE LOOK-OUT!

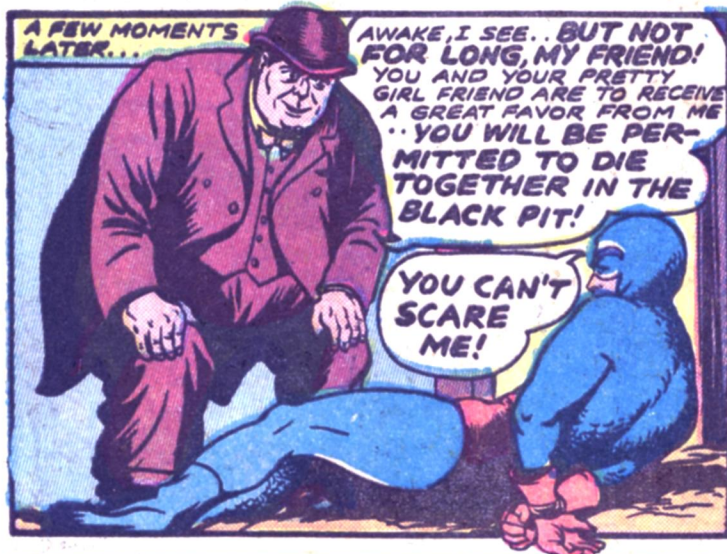
EVERYTHING WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK! NOT A CHANCE OF A SLIP-UP!



THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, PAL! UP WITH YOUR HANDS!



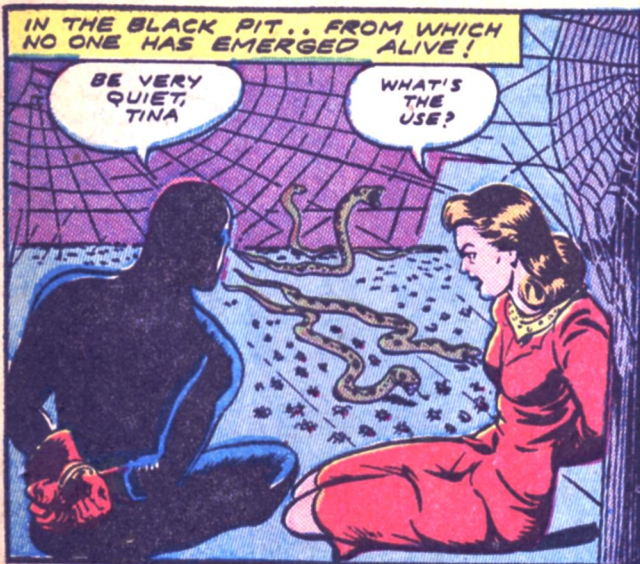
SO...THE BLUE BEETLE! VERY INTERESTING! YOU MANAGED TO FOLLOW..



IN THE BLACK PIT.. FROM WHICH
NO ONE HAS EMERGED ALIVE!

BE VERY
QUIET,
TINA

WHAT'S
THE
USE?

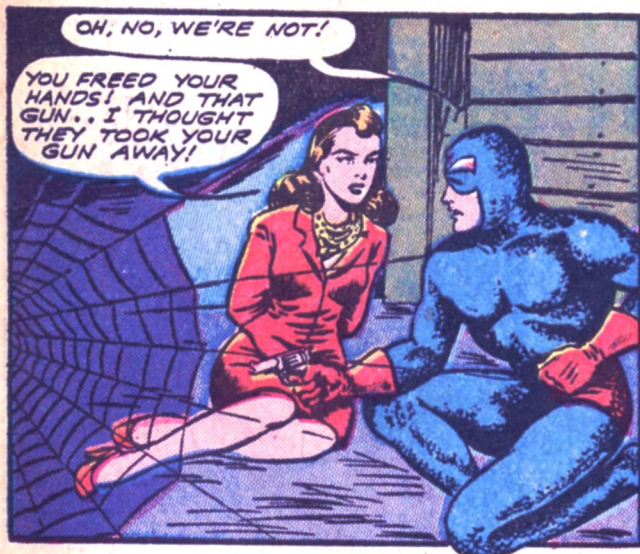


WE'RE GOING TO DIE
ANYHOW! SPIDER JOE
WILL SEE TO THAT!
WE'RE LOCKED IN
HERE.. HELPLESS!



OH, NO, WE'RE NOT!

YOU FREED YOUR
HANDS! AND THAT
GUN.. I THOUGHT
THEY TOOK YOUR
GUN AWAY!



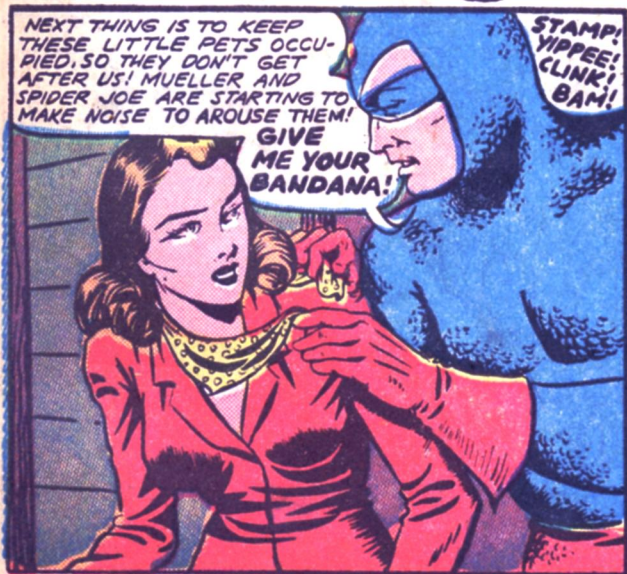
THEY DID! BUT THEY DIDN'T
KNOW I HAD ANOTHER GUN
HIDDEN UNDER MY ARMPIT!
AND AS FOR MY HANDS.. JUST
A BIT OF YOGI MAGIC, BASED
ON UNUSUAL MUSCLE DEVELOP-
MENT AND A LITTLE TRICK
PSYCHOLOGY!



NEXT THING IS TO KEEP
THESE LITTLE PETS OCCU-
PIED, SO THEY DON'T GET
AFTER US! MUELLER AND
SPIDER JOE ARE STARTING TO
MAKE NOISE TO AROUSE THEM!

GIVE
ME YOUR
BANDANA!

STAMP!
YIPPEE!
CLINK!
BAM!



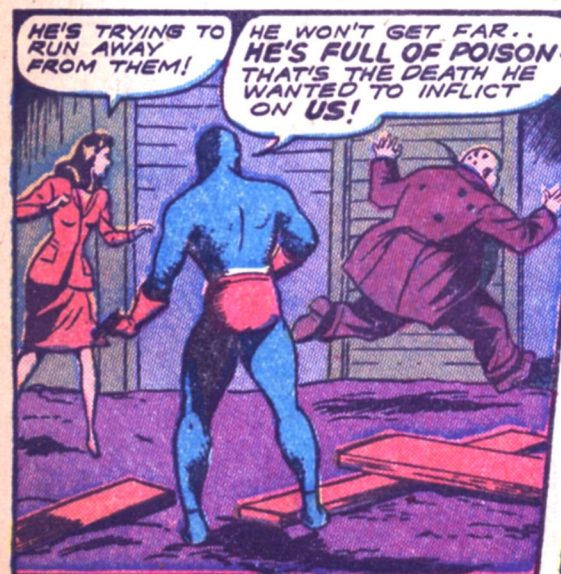
THOSE CREATURES
WILL BE ATTRACTED
TO THE LIGHT!
THAT'LL KEEP THEM
AWAY FROM US
FOR A LITTLE
WHILE!

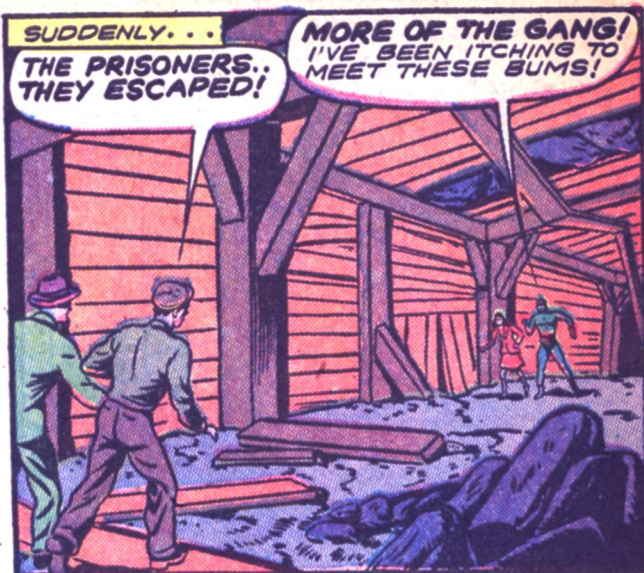
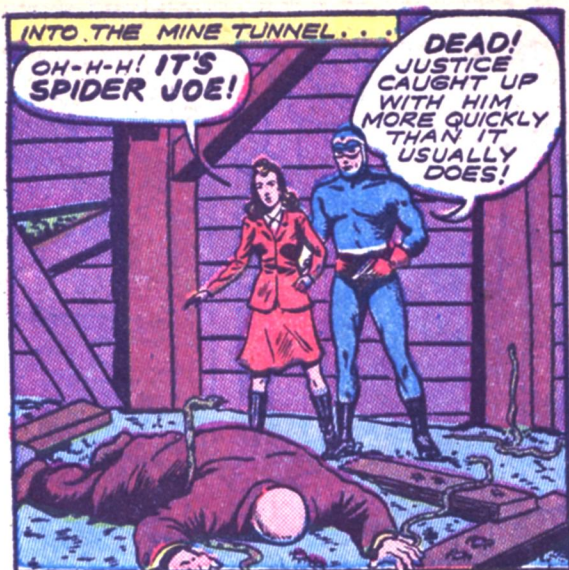
CLINK!

CLANK!
BAM!





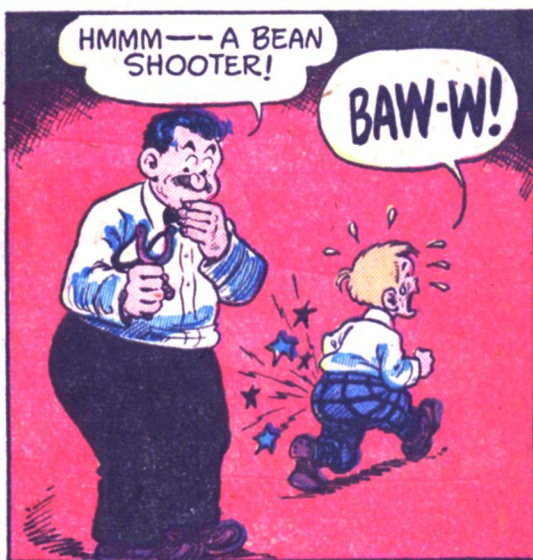
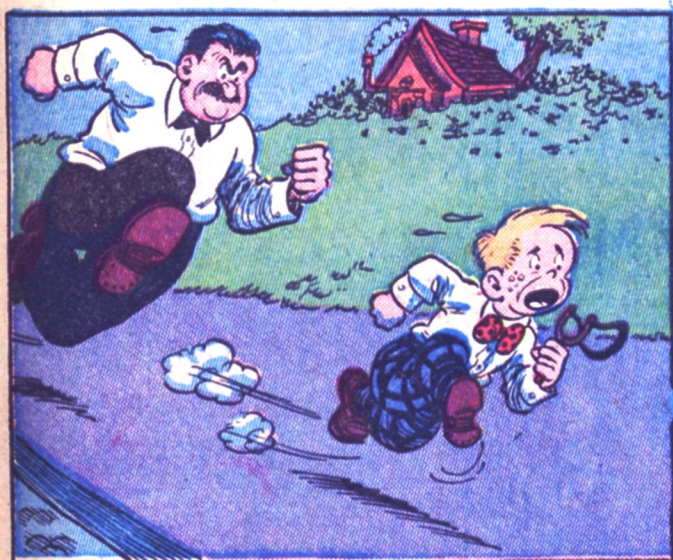
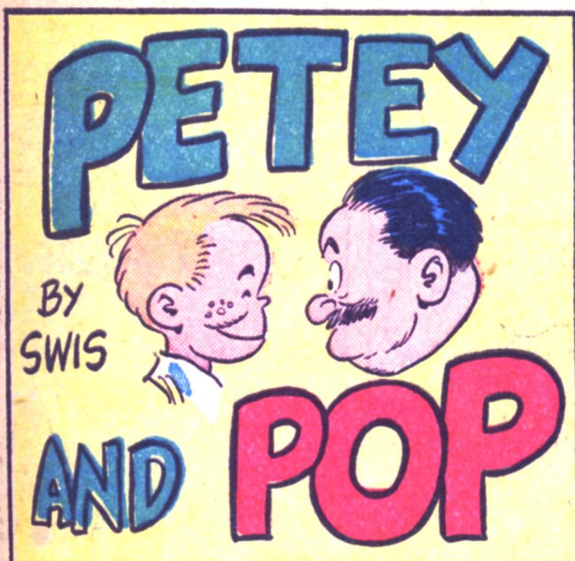


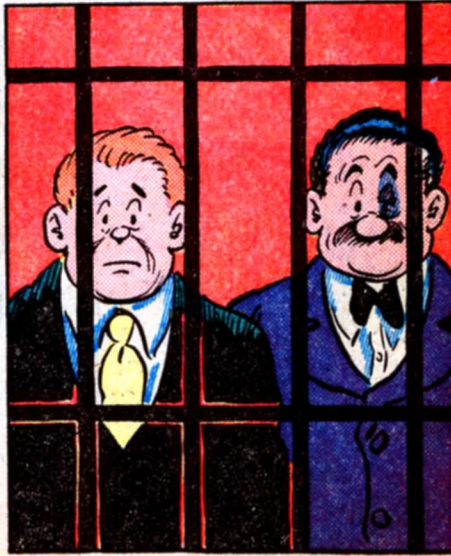
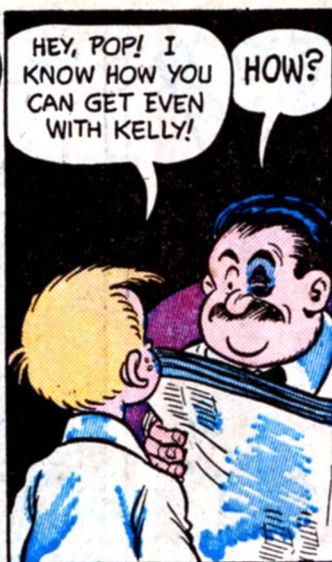


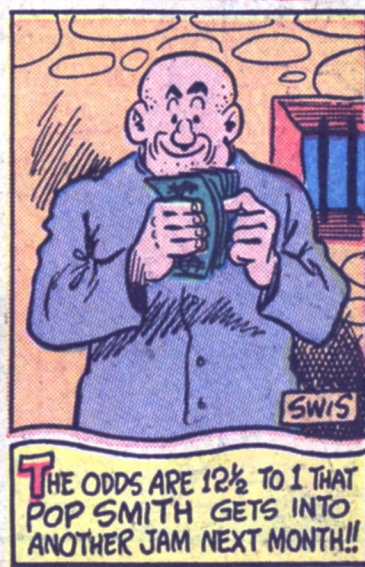
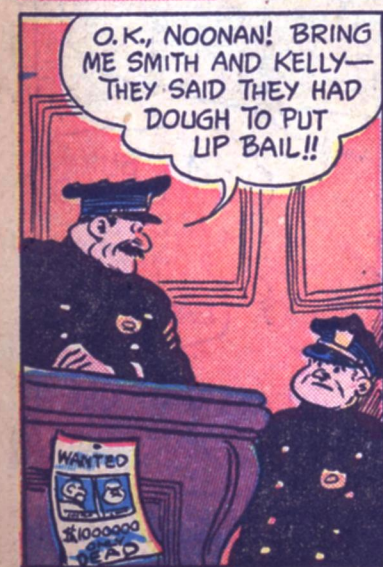
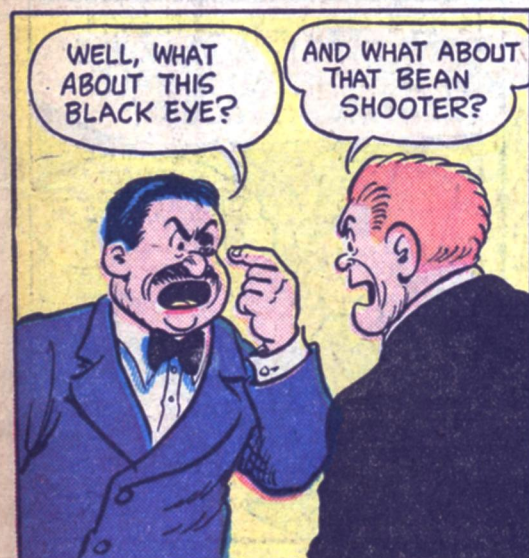
PETEY

BY SWIS

AND POP







Magic Tricks

FOR YOUNG AND OLD -

BY
SIDNEY LAZARUS
AND
VANCE SERVICE

PLEASED TO
MEET ME. I'M
PROFESSOR
PRESTO!

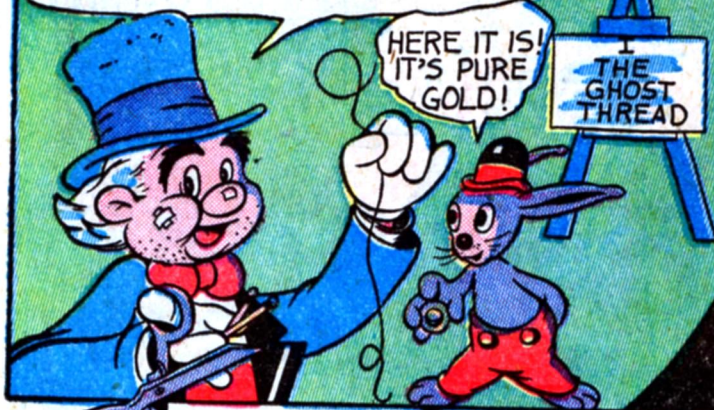
H'YA, FOLKS,
I'M CALLED
STOOGIE!



ALL I NEED FOR MY FIRST TRICK
IS A PIECE OF THREAD, A PAIR OF
SCISSORS, TWO MATCHES, AND A
RING! THE RING, STOOGIE!

HERE IT IS!
IT'S PURE
GOLD!

I
THE
GHOST
THREAD



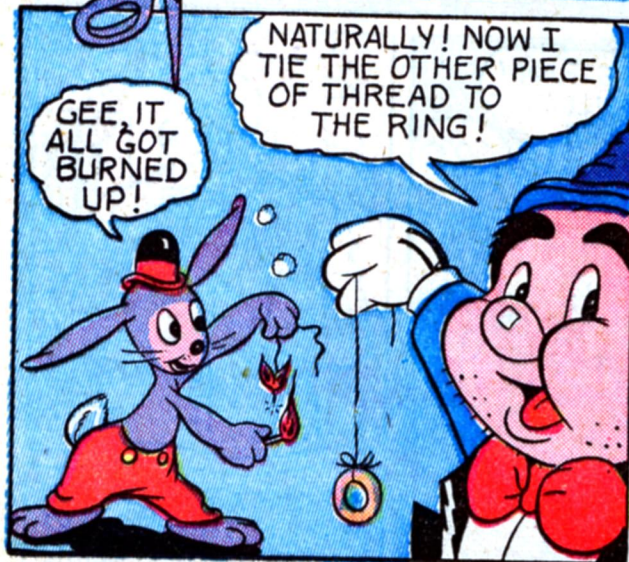
IT IS? QUITE A BARGAIN
FOR A DIME! - AND NOW I
CUT THE THREAD IN HALF.
THE MATCH, STOOGIE!

EXCUSE
THE HOT SEAT,
PROFESSOR!



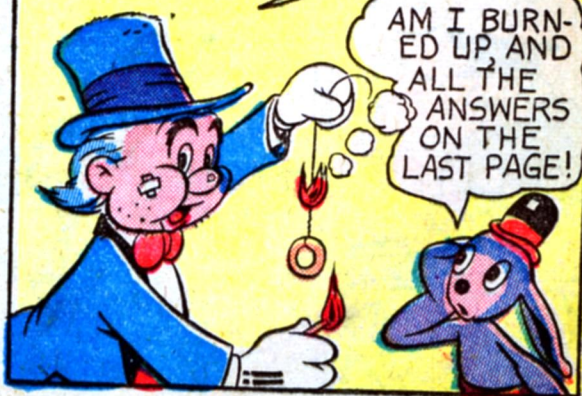
NATURALLY! NOW I
TIE THE OTHER PIECE
OF THREAD TO
THE RING!

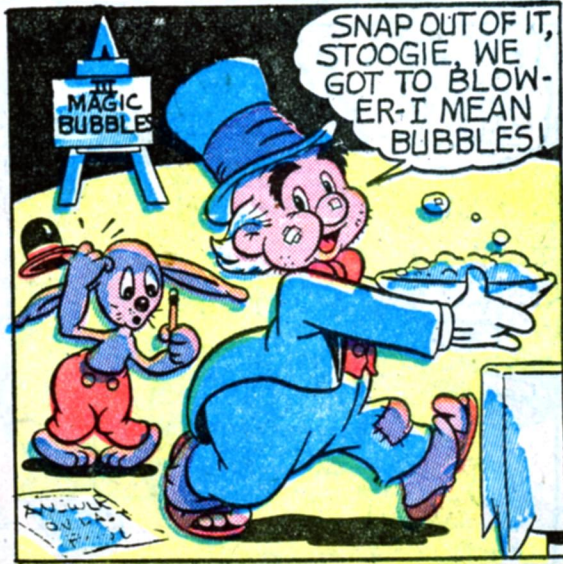
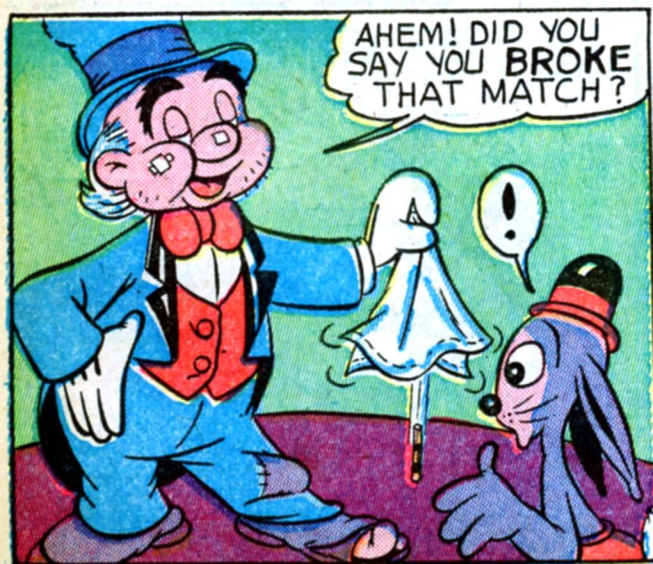
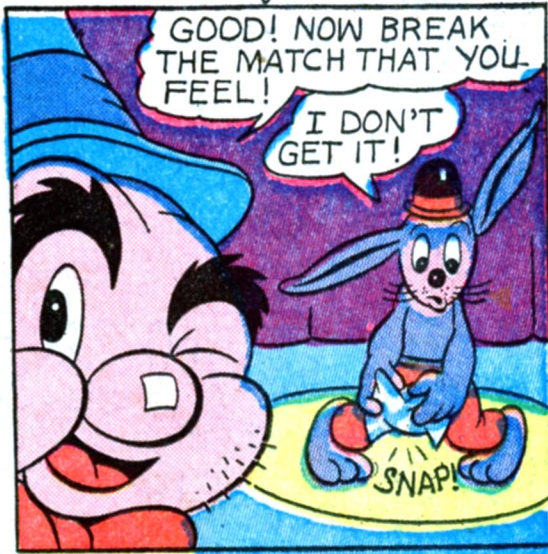
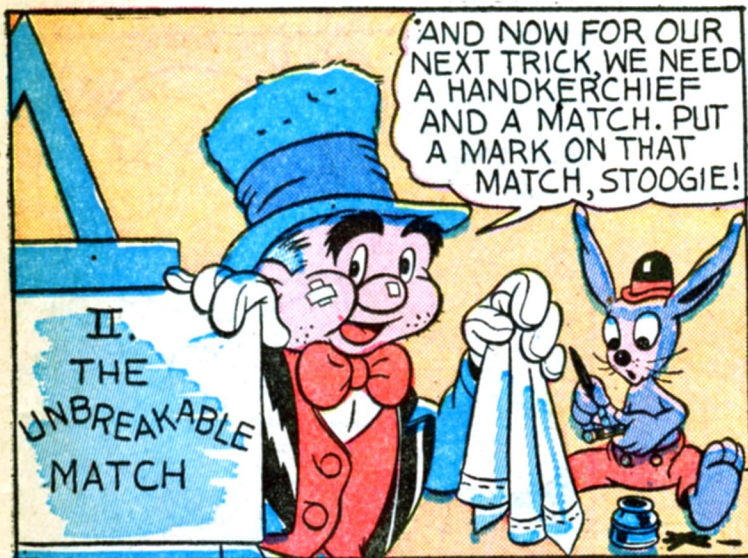
GEE, IT
ALL GOT
BURNED
UP!

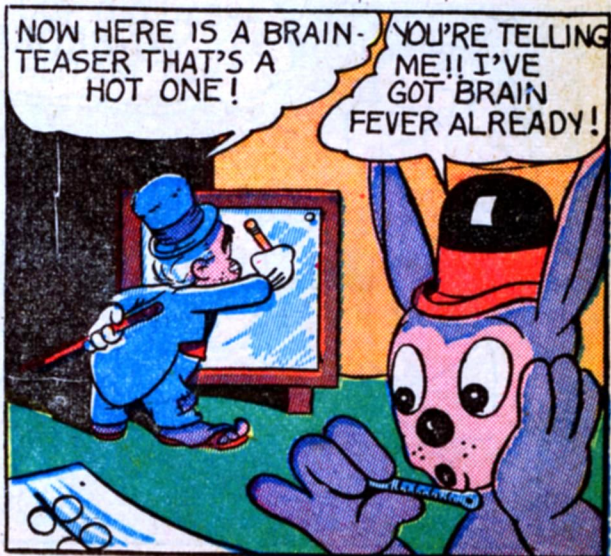
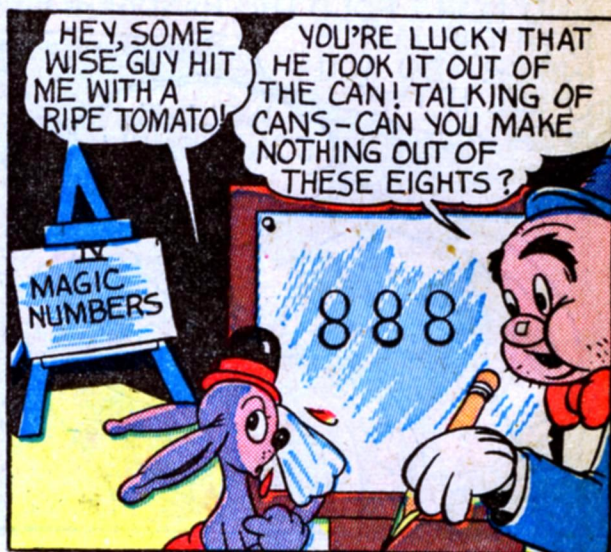
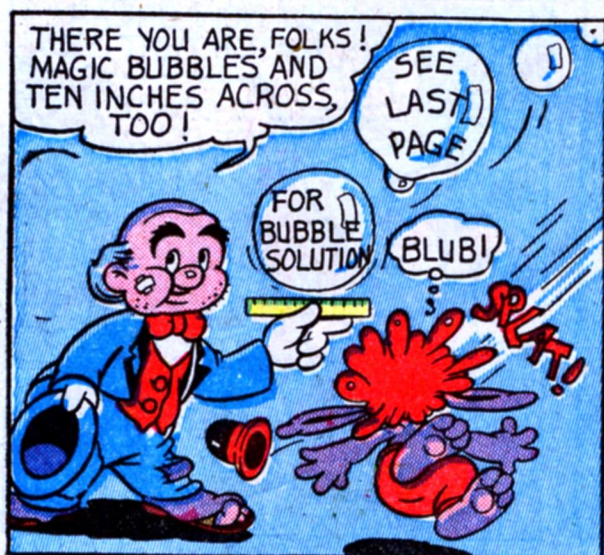
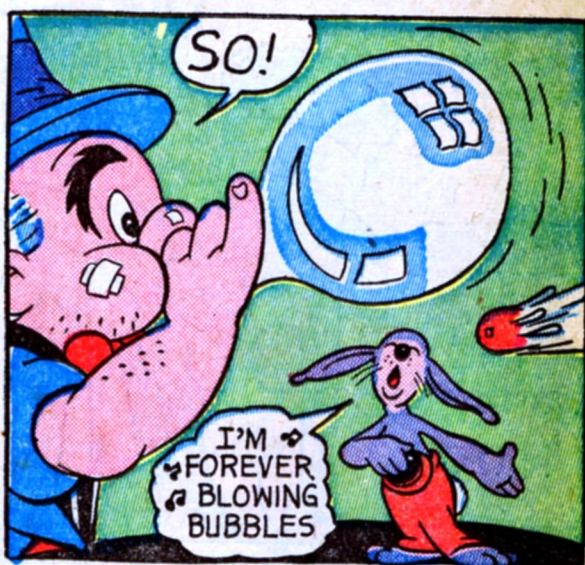
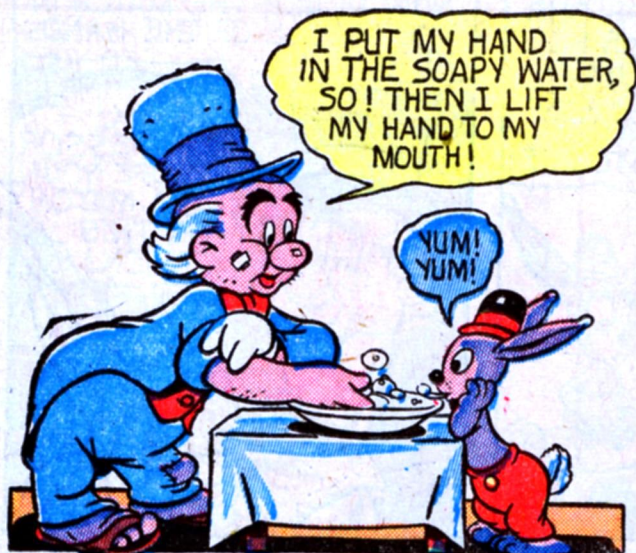


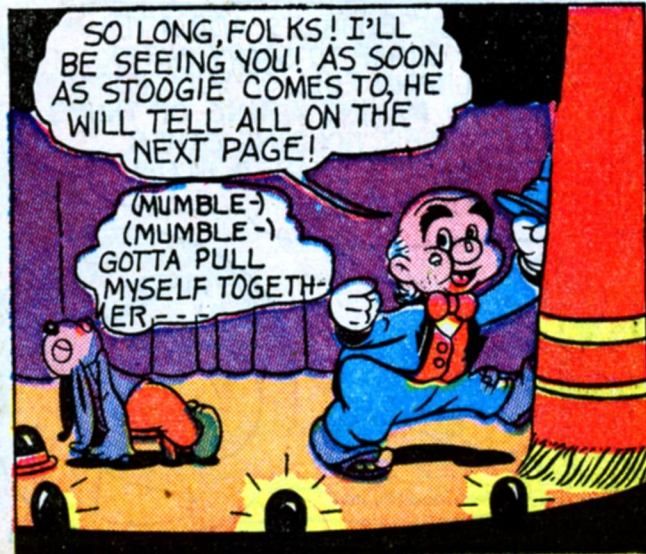
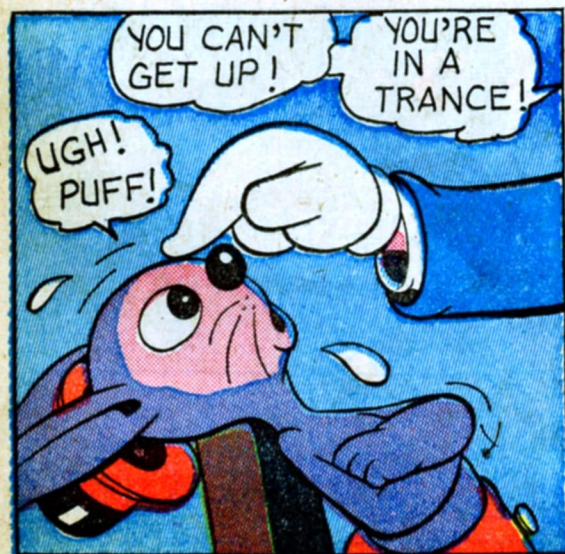
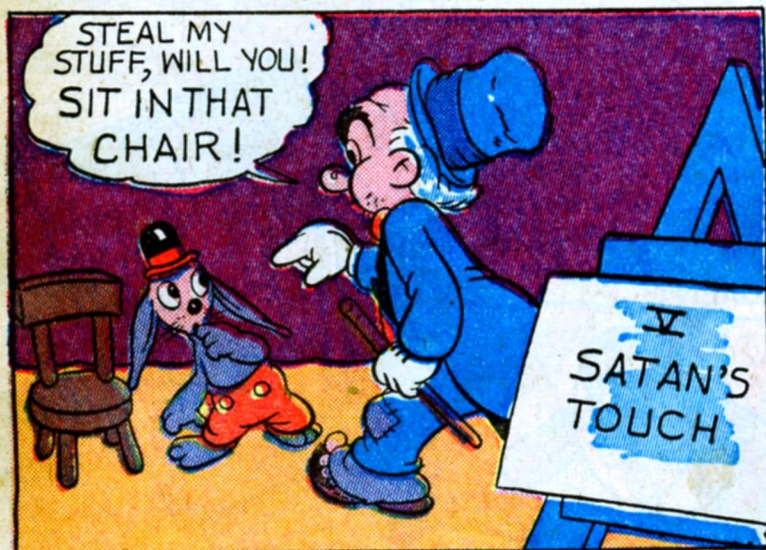
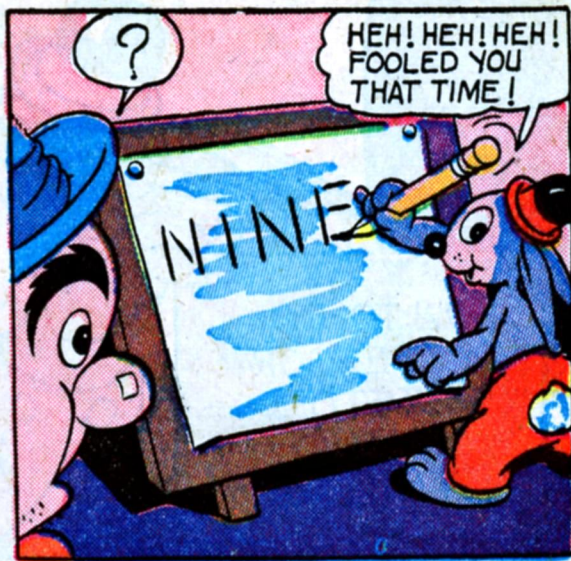
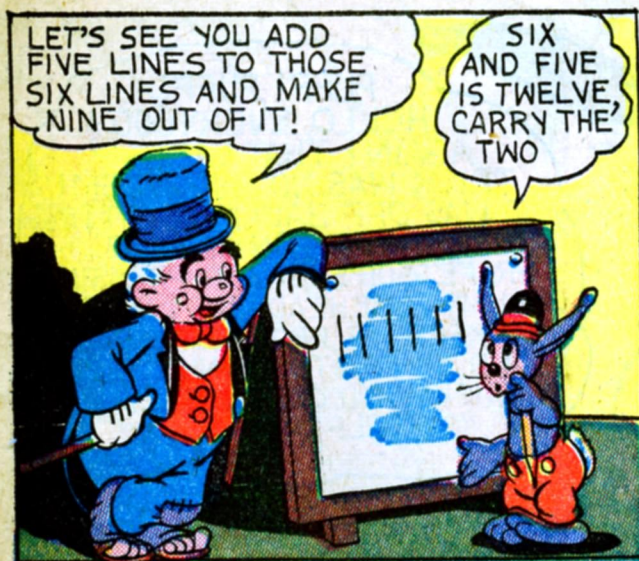
ALAGAZAM — THE THREAD
BURNS BUT THE RING STILL
HANGS BY THE ASHES!

AM I BURN-
ED UP, AND
ALL THE
ANSWERS
ON THE
LAST PAGE!





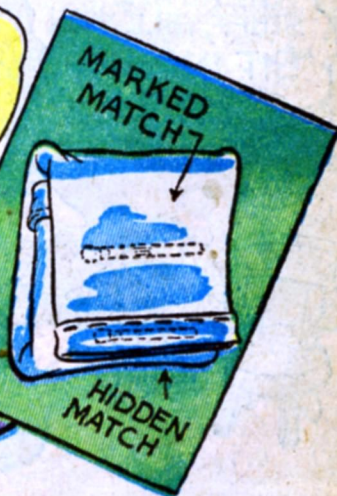




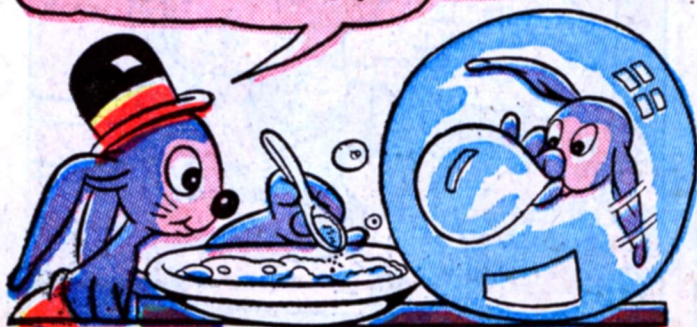
HOW TO DO
PROFESSOR
PRESTO'S
MAGIC
TRICKS ---

PUFF! PUFF!
HELLO, EVERYBODY
AGAIN! THAT LAST
TRICK WAS NO HYPNOTISM!
I WAS OFF BALANCE-SITTING
IN THAT POSITION AND THE
PROFESSOR'S FINGER PRESSING
ON MY FOREHEAD WAS ENOUGH
TO KEEP ME FROM GETTING UP-
AND AS FOR THOSE NUMBER
TRICKS, YOU CAN DO THEM
YOURSELF!

NOW HERE'S ONE THAT
NEEDS A DIAGRAM: THE UN-
BREAKABLE MATCH! IN THE HEM
OF THE HANDKERCHIEF, INSERT A
MATCH- WHEN MARKED MATCH IS
FOLDED INTO HANDKERCHIEF
OFFER THE HIDDEN MATCH TO BE
BROKEN-THIS LEAVES THE
MARKED MATCH STILL
UNBROKEN!



TO BLOW MAGIC BUBBLES, ADD A TEA-
SPOONFUL OF SUGAR TO SOAPY WATER.
THEN, WITH A HAND FULL OF SUDS, FORM
A BUBBLE BY MAKING A RING OF THUMB
AND FOREFINGER. HOLDING OTHER
FINGERS FUNNEL-SHAPED, BLOW
GENTLY INTO HAND!



HO-HUM! THIS ONE
TAKES ALL NIGHT! TO
MAKE A GHOST THREAD,
SOAK HALF A THREAD
OVERNIGHT IN A GLASS
OF WATER CONTAINING
THREE TABLESPOONS OF
SALT! MARK WITH A
KNOT. UNSALTED PART
WILL BURN-BUT THE
KNOTTED PIECE WILL
HOLD UP THE RING.



THE CASE OF THE
ESCAPED SUSPECT!
BY
MONTY MULFORD

Geo.
GUKEL

DURRAND DRAW

WE KNOW YOU DON'T DABBLE
IN CRIME, MR. DRAW---THIS
IS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER--
BUT WE'VE A SUSPECT WE'D
LIKE YOU TO TRACE FOR US---
WE WANT HIM, TO PROVE HIS
INNOCENCE!

H'M, A NEW
ANGLE!

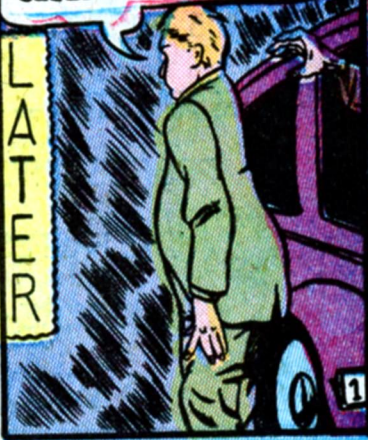
SEEMS A MAN WAS MURDERED
LAST NIGHT--STABBED WITH OLD
WEAPON--VENETIAN DAGGER---
ON STREET! DAGGER HAS FIN-
GERPRINTS OF THE WELL KNOWN
PROF. MANSTER---POLICE SAY
HE'S INNOCENT, BUT RAN
OFF!

THIS IS SOMETHING
NEW!



I'M TO SEARCH FOR PLACES
THE PROFESSOR USUALLY
WENT TO--FIND POSSIBLE
CLUES.

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HEY! QUIT
GRABBING
ME---
AHHHH...

WE GOT HIM--NOW AWAY
FAST! HE'LL STOP LOOKIN'--



WOMAN NEIGHBOR, SEEING THIS, CONTACTS DURRAND
DRAW---

A MAN LOOKING LIKE YOUR MR.
JIGGERS, JUST DRAGGED INTO
A CAR, DRAW!

BETH---WE'VE
GOT TO LOCATE
THE PROFESSOR--
TRACE UP JIGGERS--
UNCOVER THE REAL MURDER-
ER!

A NEW JOB--
BUT HOW!



AT POLICE PRECINCT---

NO CLUES---EXCEPT THE
PROF'S PRINTS ON DAGGER--
HE OWNED TH' WEAPON--
BUT HE WASN'T AROUND,
WE BELIEVE-----

THE KILLED MAN
IS UNKNOWN--
NO RECORD YOU
SAY--WHY WAS
HE STABBED TO
DEATH?



BACK AT THE OFFICE....

THIS IS THE
PROFESSOR'S
AUNT, DURRAND.

I CAME TO YOU---NOT
ABOUT THE PROFESSOR---
BUT ABOUT HIS BROTHER,
PETER, WHO'S VANISHED--
WALKED OUT ON ME A
WEEK AGO--I'M SCARED.
MY NAME'S MRS.
GREEN. WILL YOU
TRACE HIM, MR.
DRAW?



WAS EVERYONE TO VANISH
IN THIS CASE?

(THE KILLER-----
PROFESSOR'S BROTHER---
THE PROFESSOR---
JIGGERS--
WHO NEXT?

SHE'S GONE--I'M GOING OUT
FOR AIR, BETH.

BE CAREFUL,
DURRAND--
MRS. GREEN
SEEMS RATHER
FISHY.



PETER STEALS THE KNIFE ---
WEARS GLOVES, LEAVING PROF'S PRINTS,
TO SHIFT
BLAME ---
JIGGER TAKEN
FOR SOME
REASON ---
MAYBE TO
FORCE HIM
TO SHUT
UP!
WHY DO
POLICE
THINK
THE PROF.
INNOCENT?
WOULD
ANYONE, EXCEPT
IN MAD RAGE, KILL
ON AN OPEN
STREET?

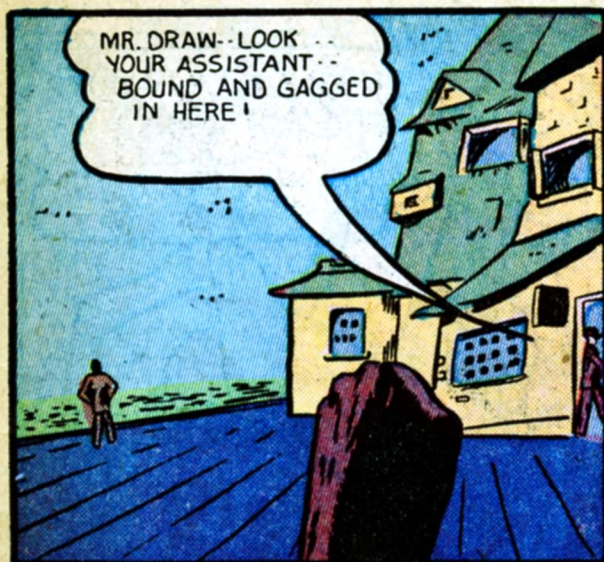
WE
INVESTIGA-
TED PLACES
WHERE
PROFESSOR
MANSTER
WENT.
THERE'S A
YACHT CLUB
AND



WE'LL SEE THIS
YACHT CLUB--
WAS MANSTER
RICH?

HOW? A TEACH-
ER WITH A
LOT OF CASH!

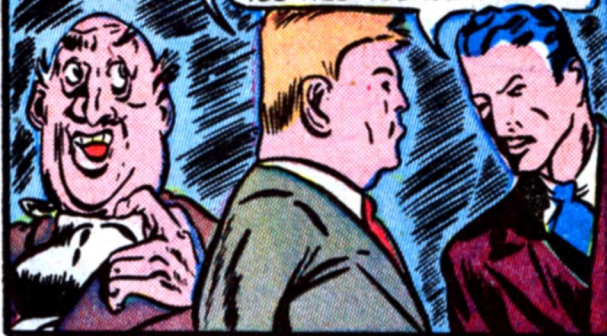




I SURRENDER!

I'LL BE --
WHAT'S IT
ABOUT?

YOUR AUNT WAS
TOO BUSINESS-
LIKE, PROF! NO
AUNT AT ALL! SHE
AROUSED SUSPICIONS,
AND A STRAND OF
HAIR OF ROPE IN ONE
FINGERNAIL, PROF, SHOWED
YOU TIED YOURSELF UP.



"ALSO, I GOT THE WOMAN TO POSE
AS MY AUNT---I FORCED HER
AND SHE DID IT SO I WOULDN'T
RECALL A RED MARK IN HER PAST!"



SO YOU TRIED TO
THREATEN --- SCARE
ME! LEAD ME OFF TH²
TRACK BY BINDIN' ME!

AND I NEARLY GOT
AWAY--- BUT YOUR
BOAT CAME TOO FAST.
SO I DID BIND MYSELF
TO PRETEND A
BROTHER DID
IT---

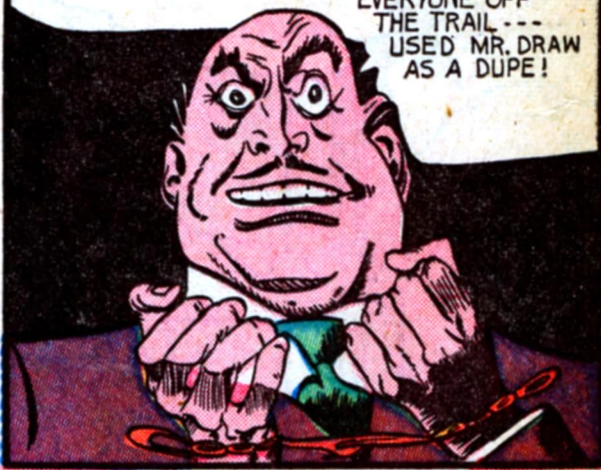


SO THE PROFESSOR TALKS ---

THERE! YOU BLACKMAILED ME
BECAUSE I OWED YOU MONEY
FOR THIS VERY DAGGER OF OLD
VENICE!-- FEWER CLUES BY
KILLING YOU HERE!

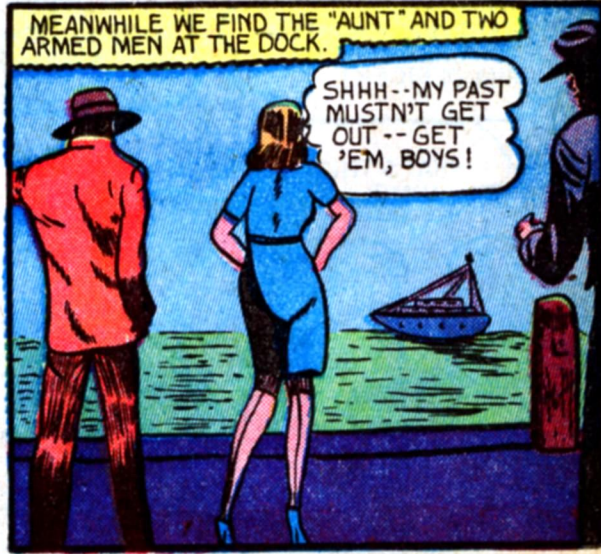


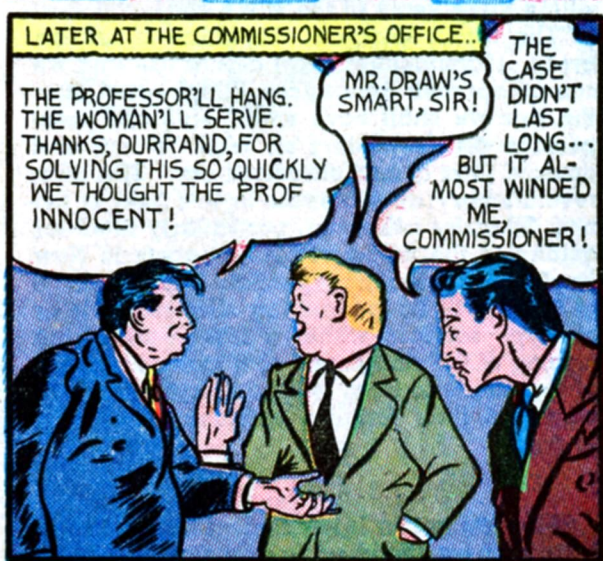
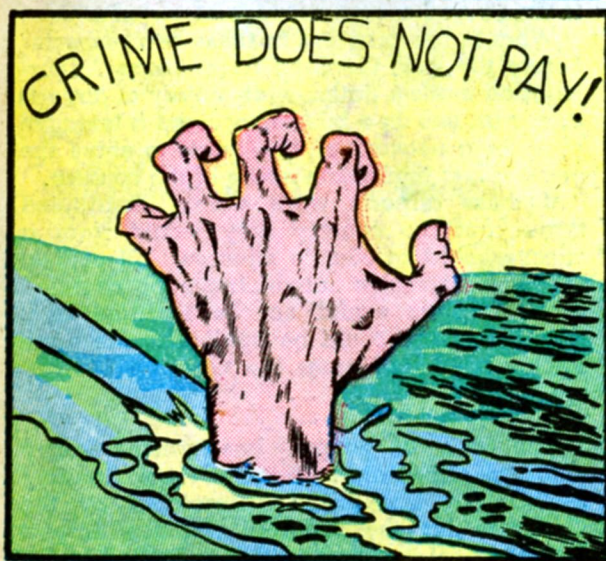
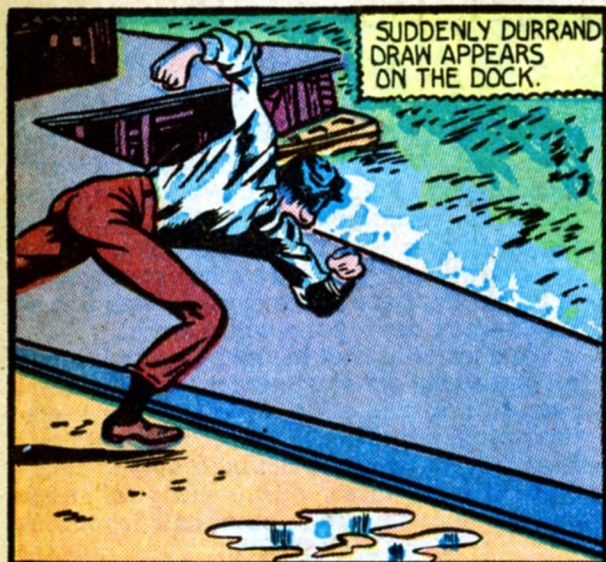
MY BROTHER---MYTHICAL! HAD THE "AUNT"
MAKE HIM UP TO MISLEAD YOU, DRAW
EVERYONE OFF
THE TRAIL ---
USED MR. DRAW
AS A DUPE!



MEANWHILE WE FIND THE "AUNT" AND TWO
ARMED MEN AT THE DOCK.

SHHH--MY PAST
MUSTN'T GET
OUT -- GET
'EM, BOYS!





WILL YOU ALSO FLY SOON?

As we now fly into the "Air Age," will it mean that the airplane will make the auto as much out of date as the auto made the horse and buggy?

Certainly the revolution in transportation that is being wrought by the plane will open up great new careers for hundreds of thousands of boys and girls.

Already the infant aviation industry has become the largest in this country. Probably after the war it will temporarily decline. But at present its size never has been equalled by any other industry in our history. We used to think that the auto business was colossal. Well, at its all-time peak in 1941 it turned out a mass of products valued at \$3,700,000,000. But compare this with the present aviation production. The figures of the latter are almost astronomical. From \$280,000,000 in 1939, aviation production soared to \$6,400,000,000 in 1942. And the estimate for 1943 is the huge sum of \$20,100,000,000—more than five times automobile production at its peak.

And the President has announced that 1944 production, calculated upon a basis of tonnage, will top 1943's by more than half—by 55% to be exact. As for employment, about 2,500,000 men and women of various skills are at work in our aviation plants and now dependent upon them for a livelihood.

What You May Expect

Charles I. Stanton, Administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, stated in an address: "I believe I am not too optimistic in looking forward to having 300,000 civil aircraft within three years of the war's end. . . .

"The family plane of the future is not far away. Manufacturers now assure us—and we can accept their assurances, I think—that after the war we shall have small, safe and inexpensive planes costing no more to buy and operate than a medium-priced car. The most revolutionary development in this field is the new Sikorsky helicopter, particularly fitted for getting to the wilder recreation spots in New England. Its inventor predicts that hundreds of these will be performing short-run cab or bus-type services within a few years of the signing of the peace, and that many hundreds of thousands of them will be carrying individuals and their families wherever they wish to go."

Not So Good

Often we get so infatuated with new inventions that we forget some of their curses. So far, the plane probably has done more damage

than good. Look at the thousands of innocent women and children murdered by airplane piloted by Japs, Nazis and Fascists. Unless the terrible power that can be let loose by the bomber will be controlled by the decent people of this world, some future madman—as bad as Hitler—may destroy the whole world.

We often think that improved gadgets mean progress. But we must not forget that ancient peoples who had none of our modern inventions produced religions, philosophies, art and literature that we have not been able to equal. And without these contributions of these ancient peoples our science and inventions would not have been possible.

We soon shall have some 3,000,000 men in the air forces of the Army and Navy. Hundreds of thousands will be trained pilots. Many more will be skilled as navigators, mechanics, radio-men, meteorologists, airport and airways engineers. All will be familiar with one phase or another of flying.

What are these men going to do when they return to civilian life? Are they going to be content to remain on the ground again, forgetting all about their fresh and exciting experience in the air?

Based on his recollections of the aviation-trained boys who came out of the last war Mr. Stanton believes that hundreds of thousands of these men will continue to follow aviation either as a career or as a hobby, provided that it is not made too difficult for them to do this. People are apt to forget that flying involves more than airplanes and pilots. It requires all kinds of visual and radio aids to flying and a vast network of airports.

What is our progress in these two respects? Before the war, the Civil Aeronautics Administration made a nation-wide survey of airports and, with this as a base, conceived a tentative plan for a network of 4000 ports to serve the more or less immediate needs of the country.

If these airports were evenly distributed throughout the country they would form a checkerboard of 30-mile squares. Of course, in some extensive mountainous or deserted areas airports would not be required and, therefore, these could be applied to the more thickly populated zones.

3000 Airports

The war, of course, has caused many shifts in this plan. To date, approximately \$400,000,000 has been appropriated by the Congress for the National Defense Airport Development Program, which is limited to the development and improvement of sites desig-

nated as essential to the war effort and approved by the Secretaries of War, Navy, and Commerce. All of the appropriation is now either allocated or encumbered.

At the present time there are almost 3000 classified airports in the country—1000 short of the pre-war plan. Altogether, these airports could probably handle 300,000 airplanes, but an immense amount of construction would be required for facilities for housing and servicing. Recent development necessarily has been concentrated largely upon the larger fields. As a result, there has been an eleven-fold increase in the number of our major civil airports, with paved runways at least 3500 feet long and capable of handling the large transport craft. Whereas we had only 76 such fields two years ago, we now have 865. Nor does this number include many large airdromes built solely for military use.

We have 1238 Class I airports, the lowest category, which are those having unpaved runways 1800-2500 feet long and at least 300 feet wide. We have 905 Class II ports, each of which has paved runways between 2500 and 3500 feet long. These fields are situated, for the most part, near smaller cities and larger towns. We shall have to have many more of this class if flying is to become general. Nor can we say that we have enough larger ports, for those in many of our major cities already are overcrowded.

The recent phenomenal growth in aviation is further reflected in the growth and operations of the Federal Airways, which now total 35,000 miles within our continental boundaries, a 700 per cent increase since 1927. Their length has almost doubled since 1932. Traffic along the airways is increasing at an astonishing rate. Recorded movements along the official skyways were 6,000,000 during 1942. During the past year they surpassed 13,000,000. This growth will continue upward despite a probable slight dip immediately after the war.

Half Million Planes

We expect that by 1950 we shall have in this country at least a half million private, commercial, and military planes in active service. Compare this with the fact that at the end of 1941 we had in the entire country less than 25,000 licensed civil aircraft.

"I believe I am not too optimistic," says Mr. Stanton, "in looking forward to having 300,000 civil aircraft within three years of the war's end."

Fortunately, our airways, unlike those of Europe, have been designed for mass traffic. Our radio and other control equipment is of the best, and we can count on our scientists and inventors to keep our lead in this respect.

After a study of all other airways systems, Canada and Australia chose to build theirs on the American model. The Canadian airways are so closely integrated with our own continental and Alaskan systems that the three virtually form a vast continental system, covering all territory north of the Rio Grande. General Carranza, Director of Civil Aviation of Mexico, has declared his intention of extending a similar system throughout Mexico. He has expressed the belief that the Central American countries might do likewise, and that we could well contemplate a continental airways system extending from the Bering Sea to the Canal Zone. Radiomen and airways engineers of the CAA not only are improving and extending our domestic skyways but are co-operating with the armed forces in establishing routes across the seas to all the other continents.

Super-Radio Stations

We recently have installed four intercontinental super-radio stations which in their combined range blanket the world, providing direct communication from our shores to an American plane in flight anywhere on the globe. The major units are located at New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and Honolulu, with supplementary stations at Seattle, Anchorage and many of the Pacific islands. Such are the unseen aids upon which air transport is built.

Today, commercial airlines and our Army and Navy Transport Services are making 500 flights a week across the North Atlantic, and this is just a beginning. Every day new routes are being pioneered, and with the coming of peace many more will be opened up for the transport of cargo and passengers.

Day after day, on routine clock-like schedules, the men of the Army's Air Transport Command are flying our global skyways with tons of vital military supplies for our world-based fighting forces.

For example, they've flown snowplows to Alaska and gasoline trucks to Labrador. The tank trucks were cut in half for shipment by Liberator Express and welded together again at their destination. It is estimated that more than 30,000 wounded men have been flown from field to base hospitals by Liberator Express transport planes, some of which have flown as much as 10,000 miles in five days.

Medical supplies have been flown to North Africa in 27 hours; bomb fuses to Britain in 17 hours; aircraft engines to China in 37 hours; blood plasma to Australia in 35 hours; precision tools to Russia in 24 hours; mail to Iceland in 13 hours, and ammunition to India in 43 hours.

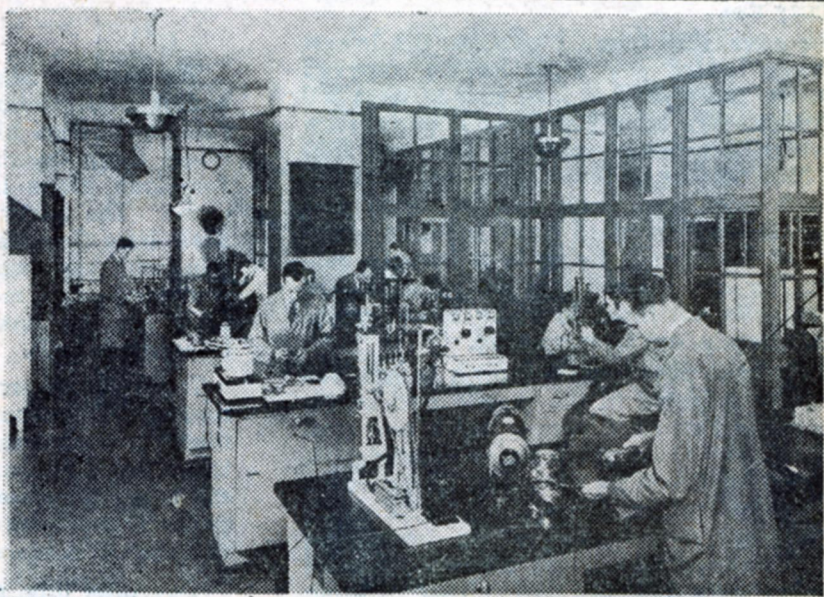
F.B.I. AND WAR SABOTAGE

ALTHOUGH THE F.B.I. HAS INVESTIGATED 11,534 CASES OF SUSPECTED SABOTAGE SINCE 1940, THE DAMAGE INFLICTED BY THE GERMAN SPY SYSTEM IN THIS WAR HAS BEEN FAR LESS THAN THE \$150,000,000 DAMAGE PILED UP BY THEM IN WORLD WAR I. THEN, PLenty OF SHIPS WERE RUINED BY BOMBS, AND MUNITIONS AND BRIDGES BLOWN UP.

THE GREATER SUCCESS OF THE F.B.I. MEN NOW IS PARTLY DUE TO THEIR LONG KEEN STUDY OF THE GERMAN SPY SYSTEM. OUR G-MEN NOW KNOW MOST OF THE TRICKS OF OUR ENEMIES AND CAN OUTSMART THEM.

ALSO, THE F.B.I. NOW HAS MORE EFFECTIVE FEDERAL LAWS TO COPE WITH SABOTEURS AND SPIES.

TECHNICIANS AT WORK IN THE CHEMICAL SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



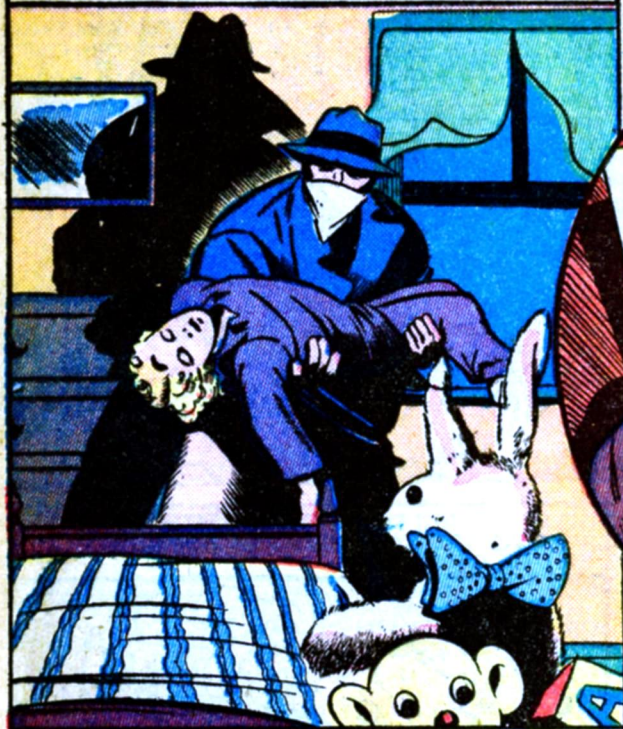
THE SPECTACULAR SUCCESS IN RECENT YEARS OF THE F.B.I. AGAINST CRIMINAL GANGSTERS HAS PREPARED THE G-MEN TO ACHIEVE STILL GREATER SUCCESS AGAINST THE FAR MORE POWERFUL NAZI GANGSTERS.



F.B.I. HAS REDUCED BANK ROBBERIES IN THIS COUNTRY BY 92% SINCE 1932.



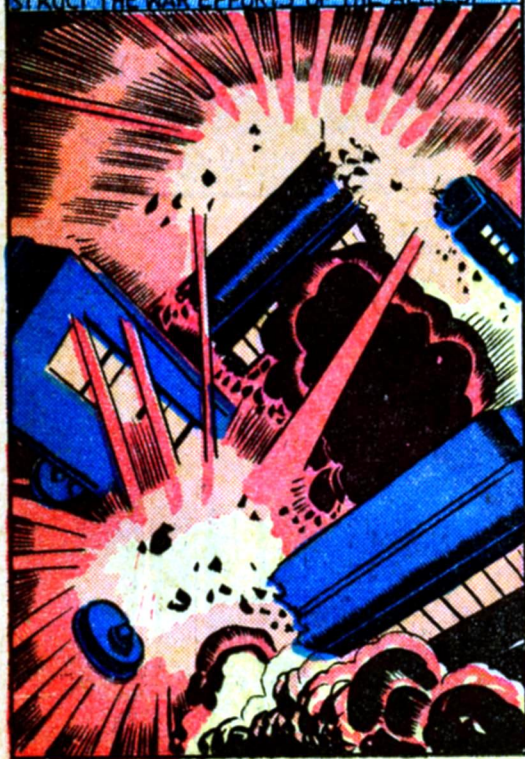
OF THE 251 KIDNAPPING CASES HANDLED BY THE F.B.I. SINCE 1932, ALL BUT TWO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SOLVED.



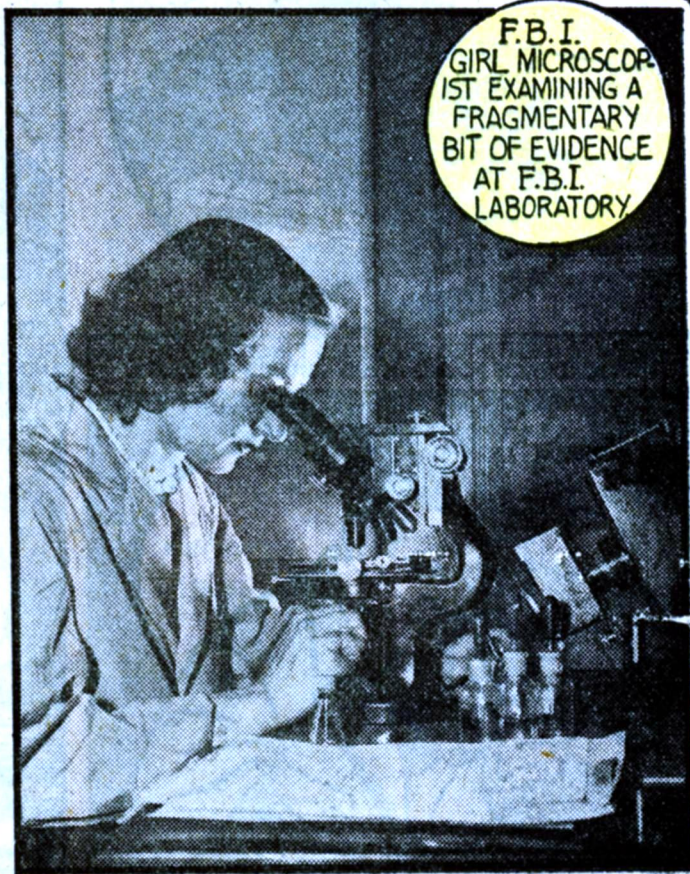
SO COMPLETELY HAS THE F.B.I. BROKEN UP THE FORMER KIDNAPPING TERROR, THAT DURING PAST FISCAL YEAR THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE CASE OF KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM.



BUT J. EDGAR HOOVER, F.B.I. DIRECTOR, HAS WARNED REPEATEDLY THAT MANY SABOTEURS ARE BEING TRAINED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, AT ITS HIGHLY ORGANIZED SABOTAGE SCHOOL, TO BE SENT TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD TO OBSTRUCT THE WAR EFFORTS OF THE ALLIES.



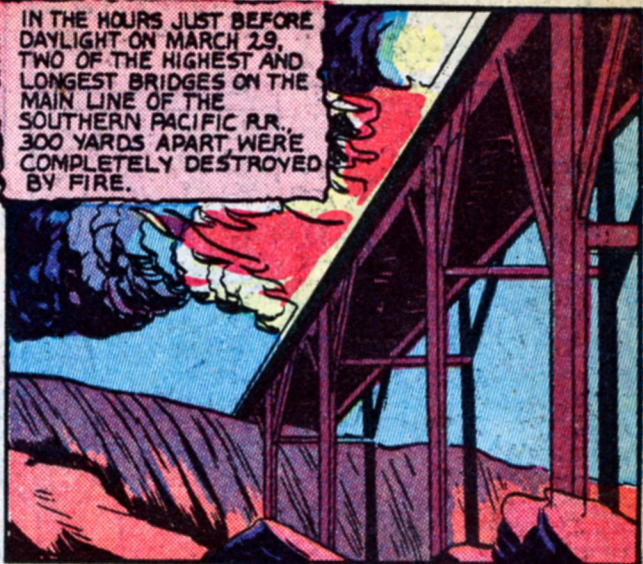
F.B.I. GIRL MICROSCOPICIST EXAMINING A FRAGMENTARY BIT OF EVIDENCE AT F.B.I. LABORATORY



VINCENT PALOKIS, A HOBO, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSTERIOUS MULTIPLE BURNINGS OF IMPORTANT BRIDGES AND OTHER FACILITIES OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD IN SOUTH CALIFORNIA IN 1942.

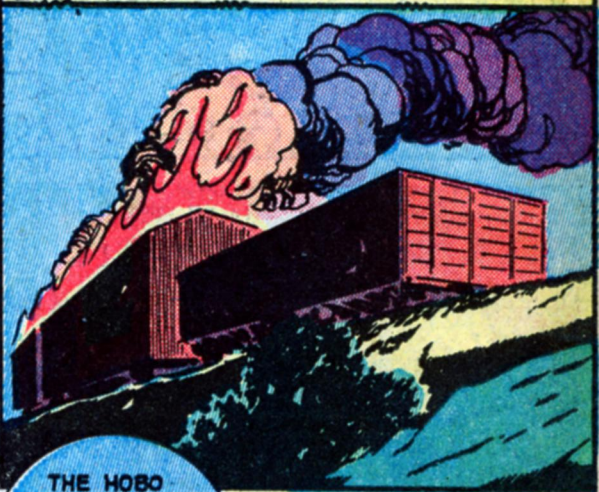


IN THE HOURS JUST BEFORE DAYLIGHT ON MARCH 29, TWO OF THE HIGHEST AND LONGEST BRIDGES ON THE MAIN LINE OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC R.R., 300 YARDS APART WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE.



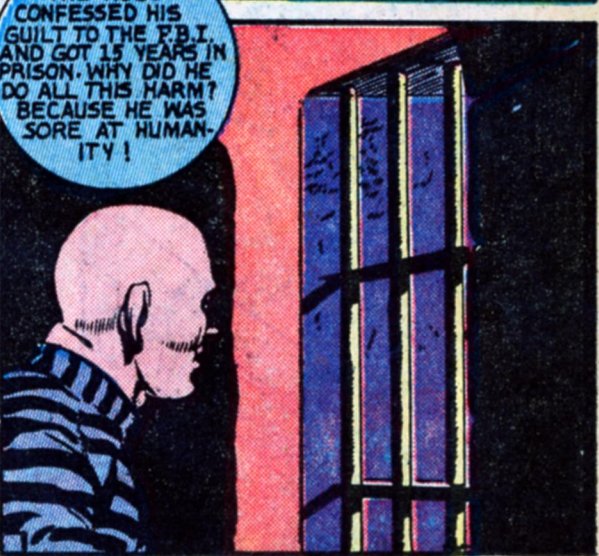
HAD NOT AN ALERT ENGINEER BROUGHT A TROOP TRAIN GRINDING TO A STOP, HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS WOULD HAVE BEEN DASHED TO THEIR DEATHS.

THE NEXT MONTH THIS SABOTEUR DESTROYED TWO RAILROAD SECTION HOUSES AND THREE REFRIG-ERATOR CARS.



THE HOBO
CONFESSED HIS
GUILT TO THE F.B.I.
AND GOT 15 YEARS IN
PRISON. WHY DID HE
DO ALL THIS HARM?
BECAUSE HE WAS
SORE AT HUMAN-
ITY!

THE F.B.I. IDENTIFIED HIM BY HIS FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE FOUND IN HIS VARIOUS HIDEOUTS.



A TIP FROM A TRUCK DRIVER RESULTED IN THE ARREST AND IDENTIFICATION OF HEINRICH ROEDEL, A BURLY ARSONIST.



ROEDEL HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE RICHMOND SHIPYARD BUT HAD BEEN ARRESTED AS A GERMAN ALIEN WITH A PAST CRIMINAL RECORD.



AT THE CROWN CORK AND SEAL CO., BALTIMORE, BOYD STALNAKER DISCOVERED THAT THE HOSE OF 15 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS HAD BEEN PLUGGED. A NUMBER OF FIRE HOSE HAD BEEN CUT, AND THE CONTENTS OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS HAD BEEN EMPTIED.



ROEDEL HAD TRIED TO SET FIRE TO A PILE OF LUMBER IN A WAREHOUSE OF THE RICHMOND SHIPBUILDING CO. SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE LIBERTY SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR THE U.S.A.



ROEDEL HAD ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY AND HAD RETURNED TO SEEK REVENGE. HE GOT 30 YEARS IN A FEDERAL PRISON.



THAT STALNAKER ADMITS HE IS QUITE A HERO.

YES, AND WE MADE HIM CONFESS THAT HE COMMITTED ALL HIS SABOTAGE IN ORDER TO BECOME ITS HEROIC DISCOVERER. WELL, THIS PHONEY PLEA OF GUILTY WILL GET HIM A JAIL SENTENCE.

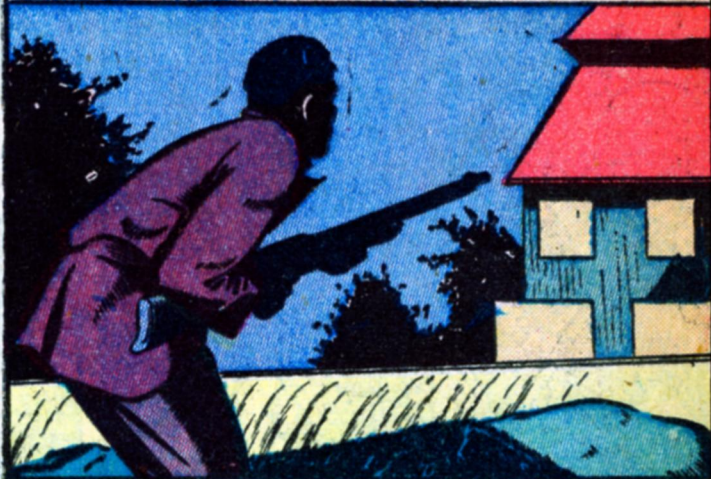


A YOUNG SELF-APPOINTED HITLER AGENT, R. J. KINTNER OF ELYRIA, OHIO, MADE HIS OWN DECLARATION OF WAR ON THE UNITED STATES.

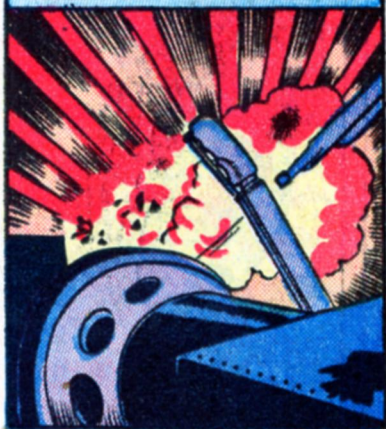
I BIND MYSELF BY PERSONAL OATH TO CONTEND UNTIL DEATH ANY FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



ARMED WITH A RIFLE, KINTNER WENT TO THE N.Y. CENTRAL R.R. TRACKS NEAR HIS HOME ON MAY 7, 1942 AND ENTERED A CONCRETE RELAY HOUSE WHICH CONTROLLED RAILROAD SIGNALS.



HE FIRED AT THE BATTERIES AND CONTROL SWITCHES FOR THE SIGNAL SYSTEM. THIS SLOWED BUT DID NOT STOP FREIGHT BEARING WHAT KINTNER THOUGHT WERE SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO THE ALLIES.



KINTNER DETERMINED TO SHOOT THE TRAIN ENGINEERS AND ONE NIGHT DID HIT ONE.



FOLLOWING DAY, KINTNER ATTACHED A WHITE FLAG BEARING A SWASTIKA TO A POLE, RETURNED TO THE RELAY HOUSE AND BARRICADED HIMSELF UNDER IT.



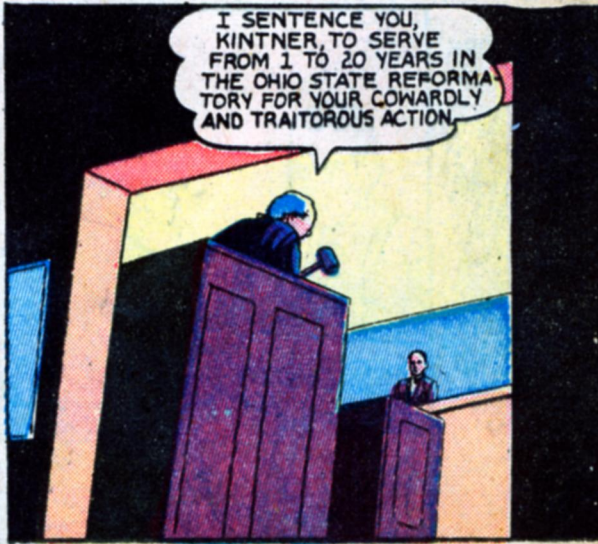
BUT BECAUSE THE SHOT HE HAD FIRED THE DAY BEFORE HAD INJURED THE ENGINEER, OFFICERS SOON CAME.

SURRENDER!

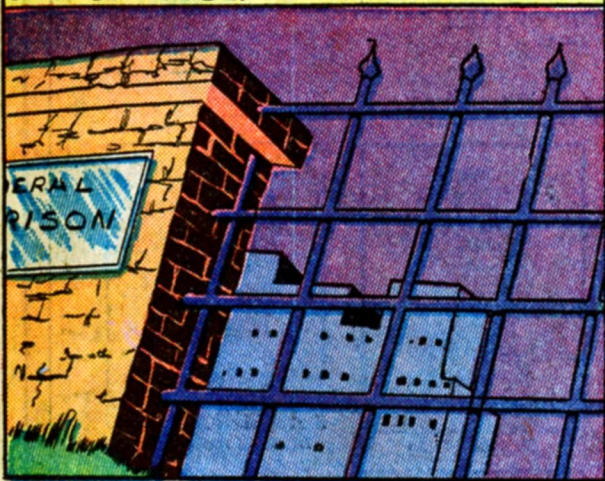
YES, YES. PLEASE DO NOT HURT ME.



I SENTENCE YOU, KINTNER, TO SERVE FROM 1 TO 20 YEARS IN THE OHIO STATE REFORMATORY FOR YOUR COWARDLY AND TRAITOROUS ACTION.



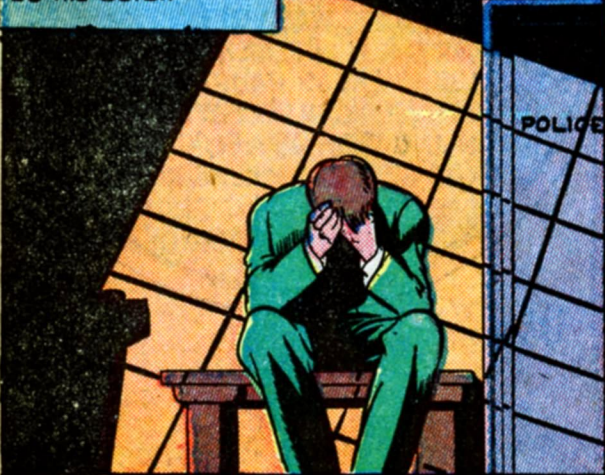
ARREST AND CONVICTION OF M.W. ETZEL IN NOVEMBER 1941, FOR DAMAGING AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED FOR THE U.S. ARMY, WAS THE FIRST SABOTAGE CASE INVESTIGATED BY THE F.B.I.



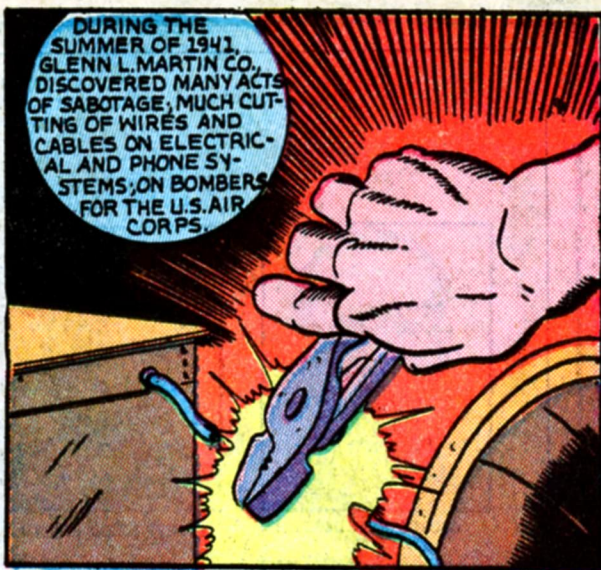
THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT 34 ACTS OF SABOTAGE WERE COMMITTED ON 24 BOMBERS BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER.



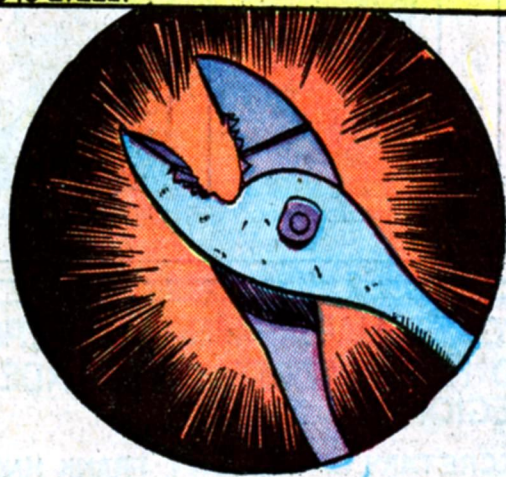
ETZEL, OF GERMAN PARENTAGE, CONFESSED HIS GUILT.



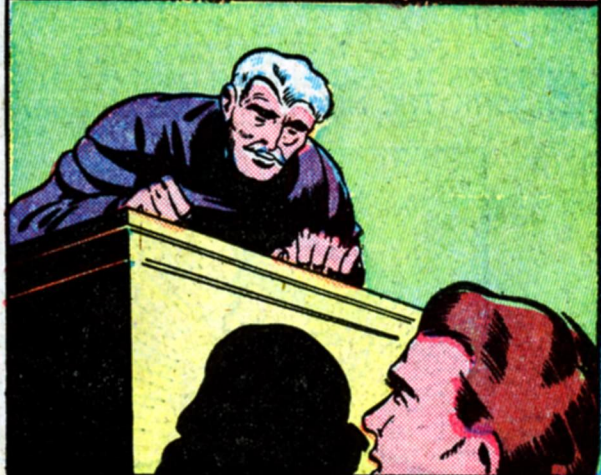
DURING THE SUMMER OF 1941, GLENN L. MARTIN CO. DISCOVERED MANY ACTS OF SABOTAGE, MUCH CUTTING OF WIRES AND CABLES ON ELECTRICAL AND PHONE SYSTEMS, ON BOMBERS FOR THE U.S. AIR CORPS.



AN INVESTIGATION OF THE EMPLOYEES WORKING THE BOMBERS, TOGETHER WITH A SCIENTIFIC EXAMINATION OF THE DAMAGED PARTS AND THE TOOLS THEY USED LED TO ETZEL.



AT A FEDERAL COURT IN BALTIMORE, MD., ETZEL WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

EIGHT GERMAN SABOTEURS



GEORGE JOHN DASCH



ERNEST PETER BURGER



RICHARD QUIRIN



HEINRICH HARM HEINEKE



EDWARD KERLING



HERBERT HANS HAUPT



WERNER THIEL



HERMANN OTTO NEUBAUER

COASTGUARDSMAN WHO REPORTED NAZI SABOTEURS AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT:

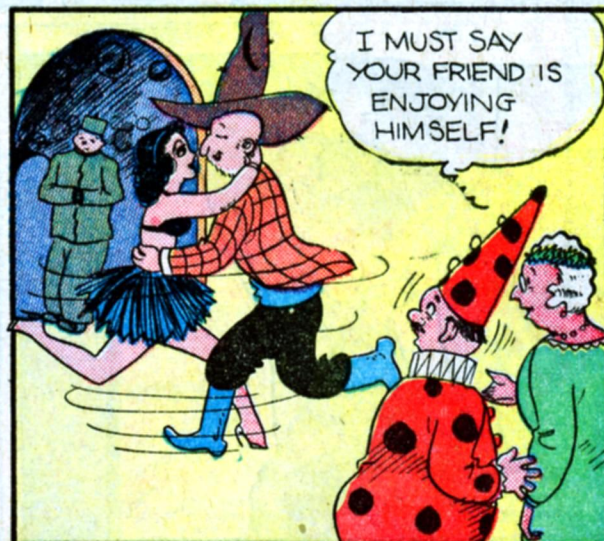
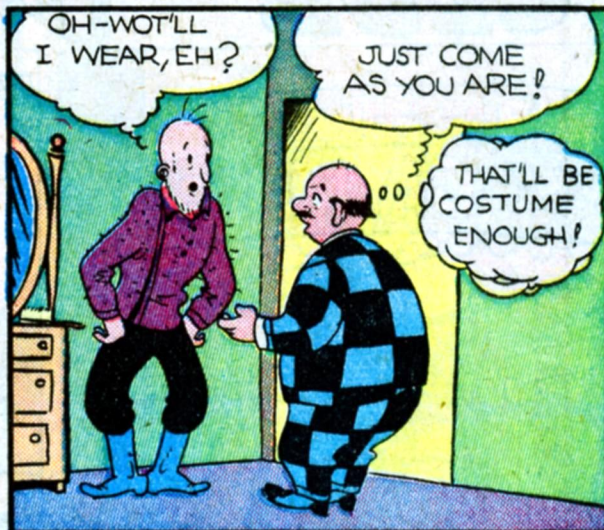
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, FRANK KNOX, HAS CONFERRED THE LEGION OF MERIT UPON JOHN C. CULLEN, BOATSWAIN'S MATE, U.S.C.G., 22-YEAR OLD COASTGUARDSMAN, WHO SOUNDED THE ALARM WHICH LED TO THE CAPTURE OF THE NAZI SABOTEURS WHO LANDED ON THE BEACH NEAR LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK THE NIGHT OF JUNE 13, 1942.



THE ABOVE SPIES CAME IN A GERMAN SUB AND LANDED ON LONG ISLAND AND FLORIDA. THE F.B.I. CAPTURED ALL. DASCH GOT A 30-YEAR SENTENCE, BURGER A LIFE SENTENCE, AND THE REST, THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. THEY HAD ENOUGH EXPLOSIVES ETC. FOR A 2-YR. SPY DESTRUCTION JOB IN THE U.S.A. HAUPT'S CASE WAS LIKE WITZKE'S IN WORLD WAR I, BUT WITZKE COMMITTED HIS SABOTAGE, WHEREAS HAUPT FAILED. HAUPT-AMERICAN EDUCATED-WENT TO JAPAN AND THEN, ON A BLOCKADE RUNNER, TO GERMANY WHERE HE GOT SABOTAGE TRAINING FROM THE HIGH COMMAND.

HIRAM WAS HIS NAME!

By HECK

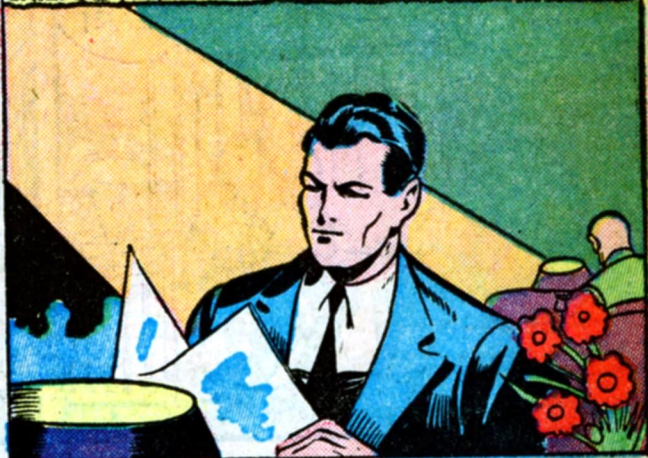


THE NIGHT CLUB

MYSTERY



AT A RINGSIDE TABLE SITS STUFFY BATES, EDITOR OF THE DAILY SUN, WAITING FOR GAYE PAGE TO FINISH HER NUMBER.



AND LOOKING ON, WILEY WILSON, THE OWNER OF THE EGRET.....



AFTER FINISHING HER NUMBER, GAYE JOINS THE NEWS-PAPERMAN.

NICE GOING! HOW IS THE PRIDE OF THE EGRET TONIGHT?

STILL HOPING YOU'VE CONVINCED GIL GOUDY, THE FEMALE-HATER, TO GIVE ME A TRY ON THE SUN.



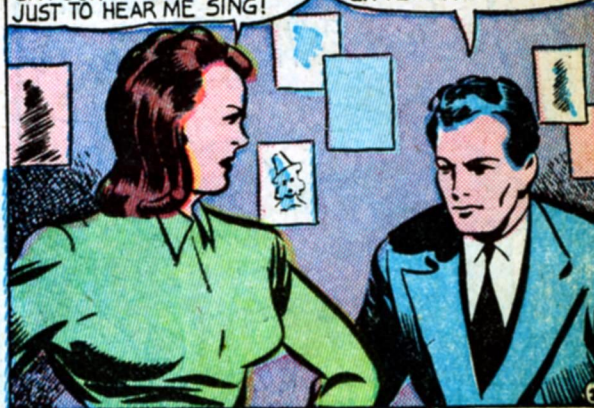
I HAVEN'T EVEN DARED BRING UP THE SUBJECT... I PROMISED HIM NO FEMALE REPORTERS! YOU KNOW THAT!

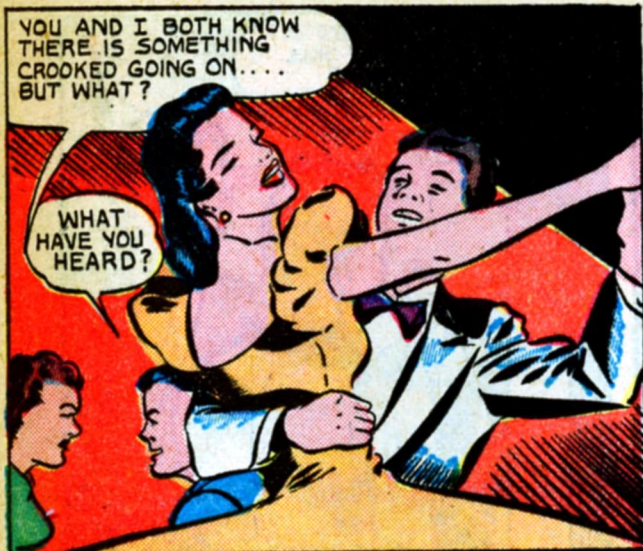
SO YOU TOLD ME BEFORE BUT I'VE BEEN THINKING THINGS OVER.



LOOK BATES, I KNOW YOU DON'T COME HERE THREE OR FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK JUST TO HEAR ME SING!

NOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT GREAT LITTLE MIND OF YOURS?





...I CAME TO THE CLUB EARLY FOR A REHEARSAL AND SAW WILEY CARRYING A MAN TO A CAR...WILEY SEEMED SURPRISED TO SEE ME.

WILEY TOLD ME THE FELLOW WAS DRUNK AND HE WAS TAKING HIM HOME... BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE!....I'M SURE HE'S DEAD.

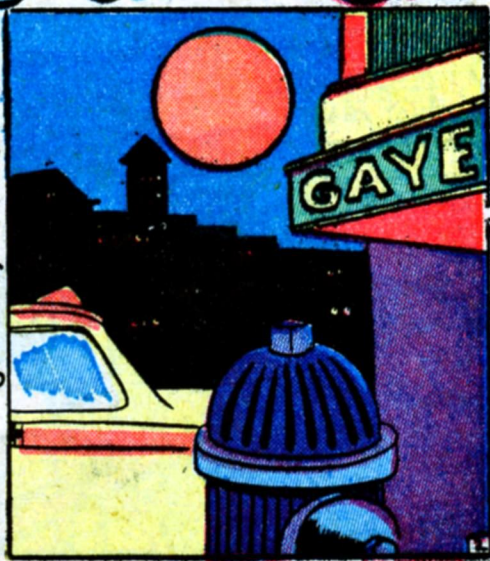


DON'T SAY A WORD TO ANYONE....FIND OUT ALL YOU CAN AND WE'LL MAKE IT VERY WORTH YOUR WHILE....

IF I FIND A STORY FOR YOU..YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE ME A CHANCE ON THE PAPER BECAUSE MY LIFE WON'T BE WORTH MUCH AROUND HERE.



LATER THAT NIGHT AFTER THE CLUB CLOSES



OH, IT'S YOU! I WAS
WONDERING WHO WAS
HERE AT THIS HOUR!!

ER... I WAS JUST GOING
TO MY DRESSING ROOM. I
FORGOT SOMETHING!



NOT NOW, YOU
DOPE! WILEY STILL
HAS THE DOOR
OPEN



I'D BETTER BE RUNNING
ALONG, MR. WILSON. SEE
YOU TOMORROW!



HMM... SHE ACTED VERY
STRANGE... I WONDER IF SHE
SUSPECTS ANYTHING!



WHO DID THAT? THE
GIRL MIGHT HAVE SEEN
ARE YOU GUYS LOOKIN' FOR
TROUBLE? DON'T EVER DO
THAT AGAIN!!



HELLO, BATESY! MEET ME
AT THE CORNER DRUG
STORE. I'VE FOUND OUT
PLENTY!!



.... AND WHEN THE DOOR
STARTED TO OPEN, I HEARD
THE HUM OF MACHINERY.

... A PRINTING
PLANT, I'LL BET !!

... WE'VE GOT TO
MAKE SURE. I'LL
TRY TO FIND OUT
MORE TONIGHT !!

GOOD GIRL!
I'LL BE THERE !!

THAT
NIGHT

THAT PANEL WAS OVER
HERE SOMEWHERE....

SUDDENLY..

SO...! PLAYING DETECTIVE ARE
YOU! I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE
BEGINNING TO KNOW TOO MUCH!

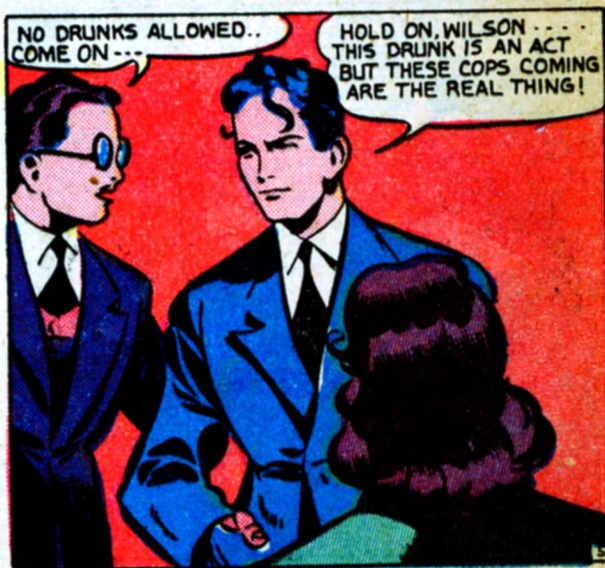
OH!

DON'T BE A FOOL !! IF I DON'T SHOW UP
FOR MY NEXT NUMBER, EVERYONE
WILL GET WISE.

WELL... OKAY, BUT
WATCH YOUR STEP
I'LL BE COVERING
YOU WITH MY
ROSCOE!

LATER

GOOD CROWD TONIGHT!
HMM! WONDER WHERE
WILSON IS ??



THE COPS!!... HOW ---ULP!!

JUST A FRIENDLY
TIP FROM ME, WILSON...
AND THIS IS FOR
STICKING A GUN
IN MY FACE!

WE GOT 'EM
ALL ROUNDED UP,
CHIEF... WHAT'S
THE CHARGE?

HERE, TAKE A
LOOK AT THIS ---
AND YOU'LL FIND
OUT.

RATION STAMPS!
SO THAT'S WHAT
WILSON WAS PRINTING
IN HIS BASEMENT!

NICE WORK,
BATES, YOU
REALLY CLEANED
UP THIS RACKET!

YEAH! WITH THE
HELP OF GAYE---

OH, HERE'S THE LITTLE
LADY HERSELF! HOW WOULD
YOU LIKE TO BE MY NEWS
SECRETARY, GAYE?

SO I FINALLY
CONVINCED YOU
THAT I'M GOOD
ENOUGH TO WORK
FOR THE NEWS-
PAPER!

GET IN THE SCRAP!

SAVE ALL THE WASTE PAPERS AND
MAGAZINES POSSIBLE. TURN THEM IN TO
THE SCRAP SALVAGE DRIVE.

REMEMBER!

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP
READING COMIC MAGA-
ZINES, START SAVING
OLD MAGAZINES
AND WASTE PAPER.

YOU CAN ALSO
EARN EXTRA MONEY
BY SELLING THIS
WASTE PAPER YOU
COLLECT TO YOUR
WASTE-PAPER
DEALER.

AMERICAN

BOYS and **GIRLS**

PAPER IS A VITAL NECESSITY FOR OUR WAR MACHINE. DUE TO THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE AND LACK OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OUR PAPER STOCK IS AT AN ALL TIME LOW!

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP...

TAKE ALL THE WASTE PAPER YOU COLLECT TO....

1. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS
 2. THE RED CROSS
 3. SCHOOLS
 4. BOY SCOUTS
 5. LOCAL SALVAGE COMMITTEE
- OR CALL ANY

WASTE PAPER DEALER

IF THE PAPER SHORTAGE IS NOT RELIEVED BY YOU, THERE WILL BE NO MORE COMIC MAGAZINES PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES!



DO YOUR PART!
REMEMBER...

Every scrap of paper counts!

ALI BABA

STORY BY
CHARLES LOEB

TRAPPED IN A TUB OF
QUICK-DRYING CEMENT
'ERBERT AND ALI BABA
ALMOST GIVE UP HOPE,
WHEN....

WHAT GOES ON
HERE?

QUICK
DRYING
CEMENT

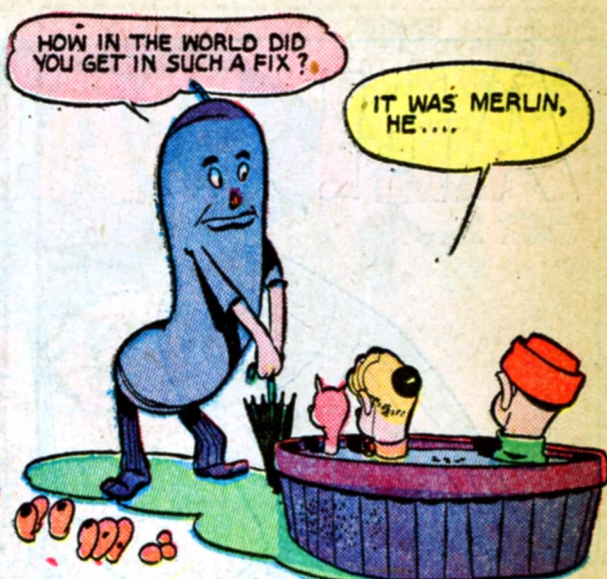
BY THE SHADES OF ALLAH,
WE'RE STUCK IN THIS
CEMENT. ANYBODY CAN
SEE THAT!

WHO ARE YOU?

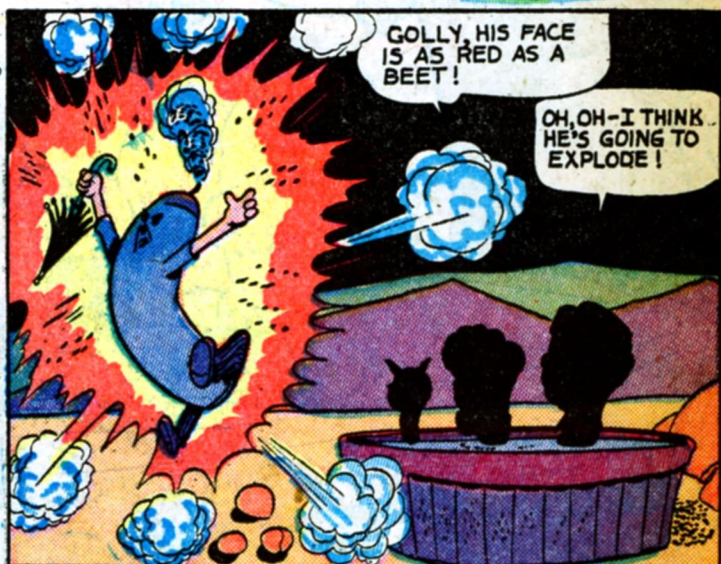
PERMIT ME TO
INTRODUCE MYSELF.
THE NAME IS BOMB.

OH, HE'S A BUM... I
MEAN A BOMB!

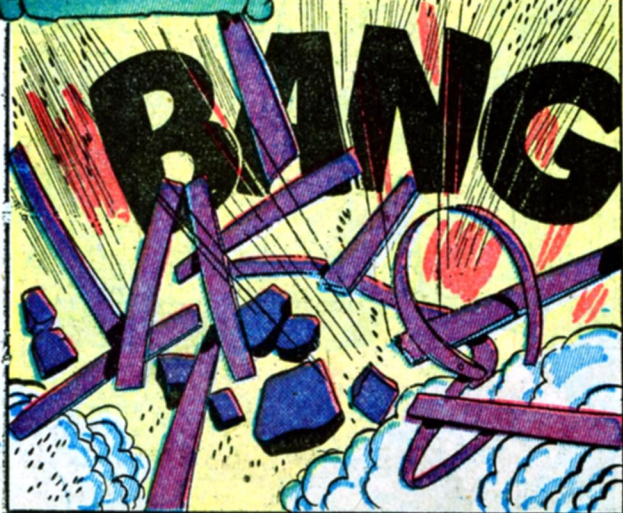
BUT WHAT'S YOUR
FIRST NAME OR
IS BOMB YOUR
ONLY NAME?



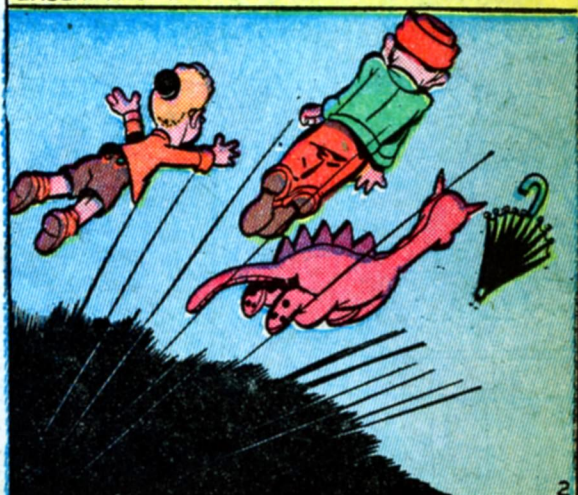
MERLIN? HE'S MY WORST ENEMY! HE WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT. I'LL... I'LL... WELL JUST WAIT AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I'LL DO!



A MOMENT LATER...

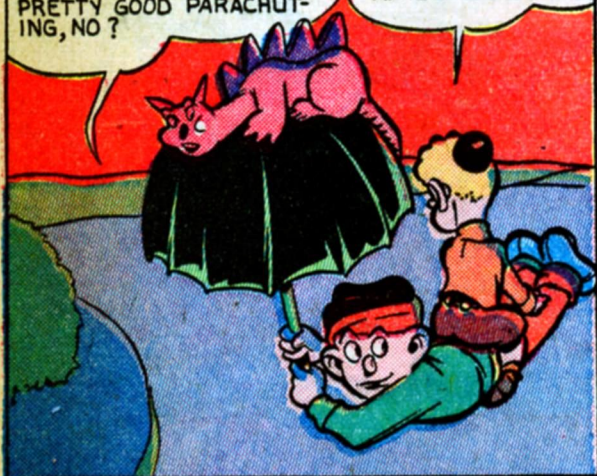


AS THOUGH SHOT FROM A ROCKET GUN, ALI BABA, ERBERT AND KITTY GO SPINNING INTO THE AIR!



WE'RE IN LUCK, 'ERBERT...
WE'RE GOING TO LAND
ON LEVEL GROUND! THAT'S
PRETTY GOOD PARACHUT-
ING, NO?

WELL...I'LL LET
YOU KNOW THAT
AFTER WE LAND!

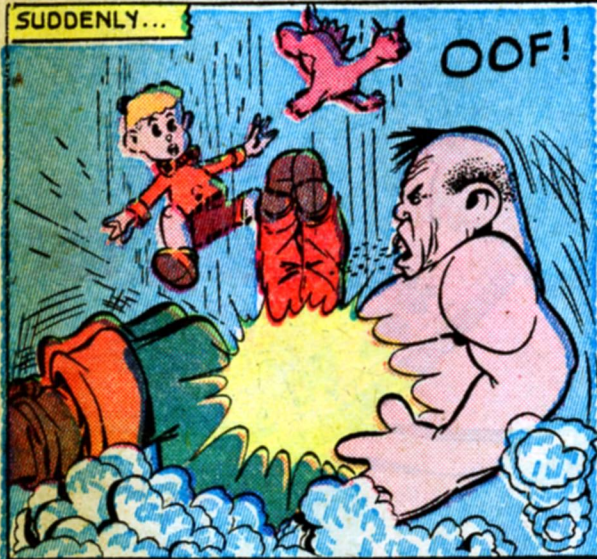


DOWN BELOW, A MONSTROUS GENII ENJOYS
A NOON-DAY SNOOZE.



SUDDENLY...

OOF!



WHO'S THAT ?

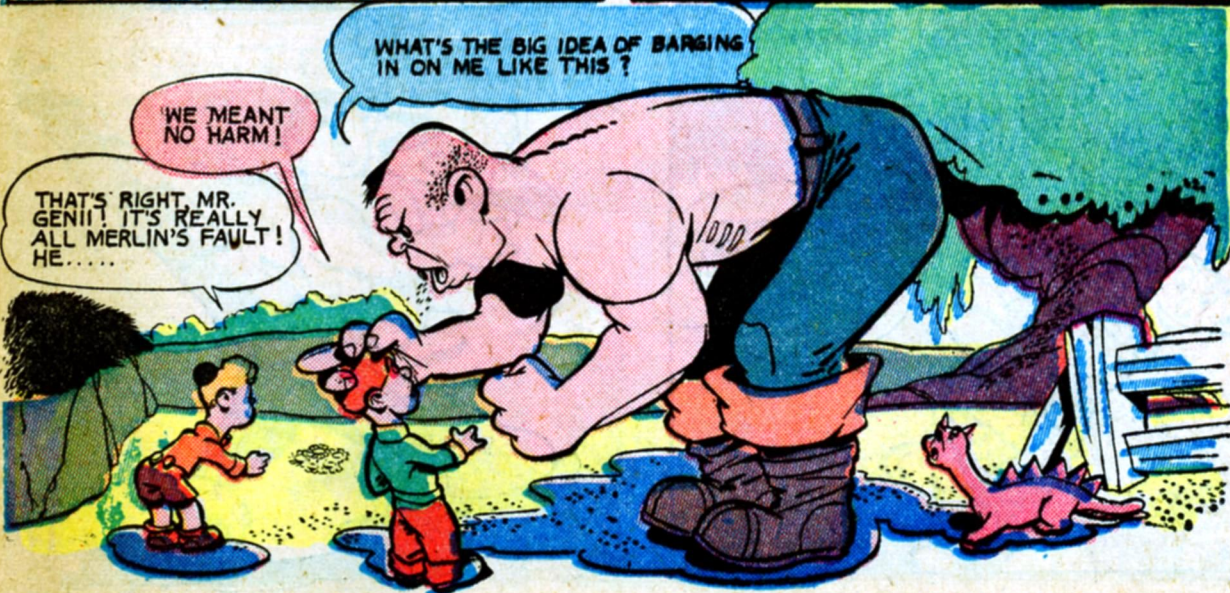
IT'S A
GENII!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF BARGING
IN ON ME LIKE THIS ?

'WE MEANT
NO HARM!

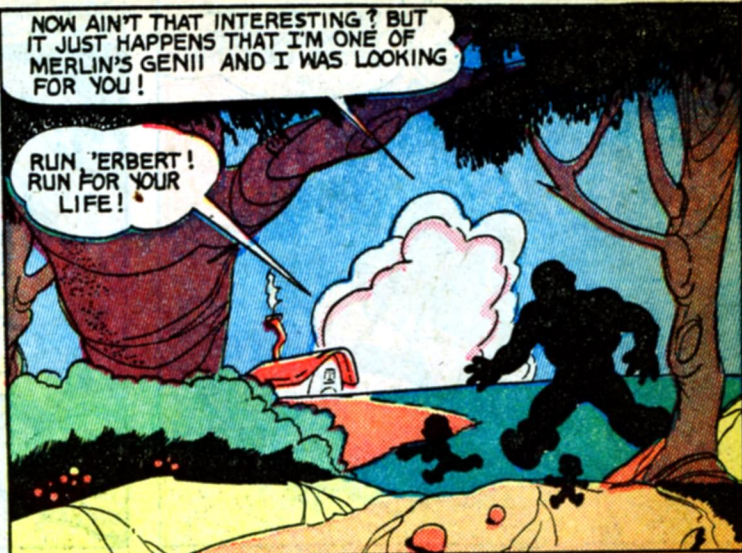
THAT'S RIGHT, MR.
GENII! IT'S REALLY
ALL MERLIN'S FAULT!
HE.....





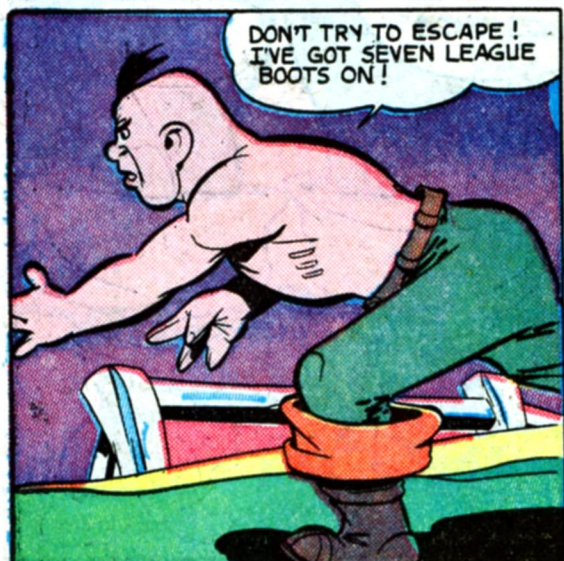
IS THAT SO?

IT SURE IS! YOU SEE
MR. MERLIN THREW US INTO
A TUB OF CEMENT, AND
WE THOUGHT WE WERE
DONE FOR UNTIL.....

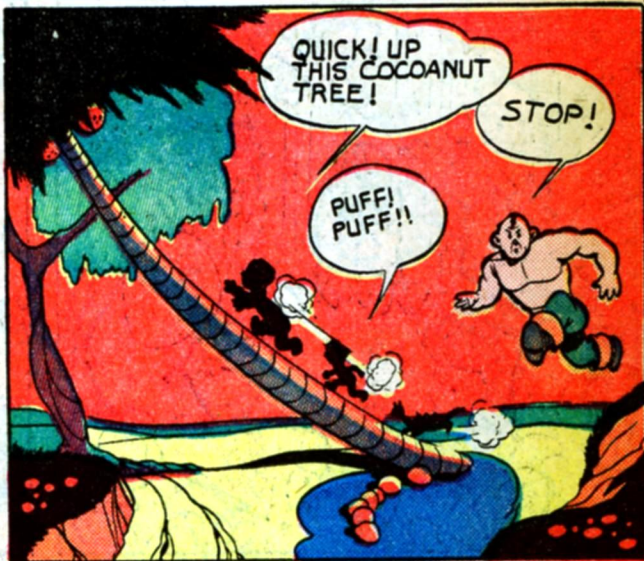


NOW AIN'T THAT INTERESTING? BUT
IT JUST HAPPENS THAT I'M ONE OF
MERLIN'S GENII AND I WAS LOOKING
FOR YOU!

RUN 'ERBERT!
RUN FOR YOUR
LIFE!



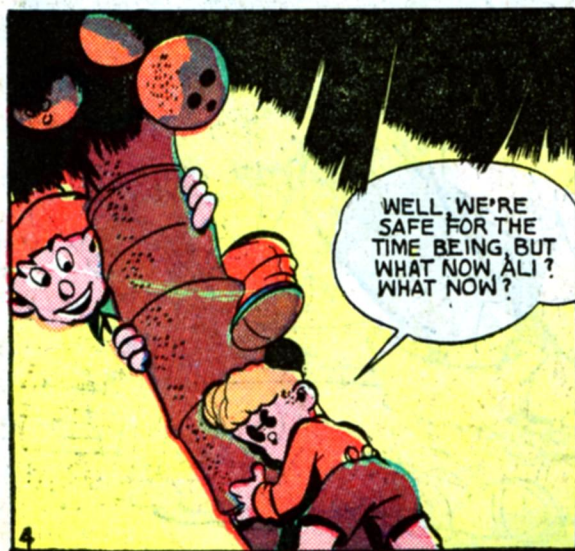
DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE!
I'VE GOT SEVEN LEAGUE
BOOTS ON!



QUICK! UP
THIS COCOANUT
TREE!

STOP!

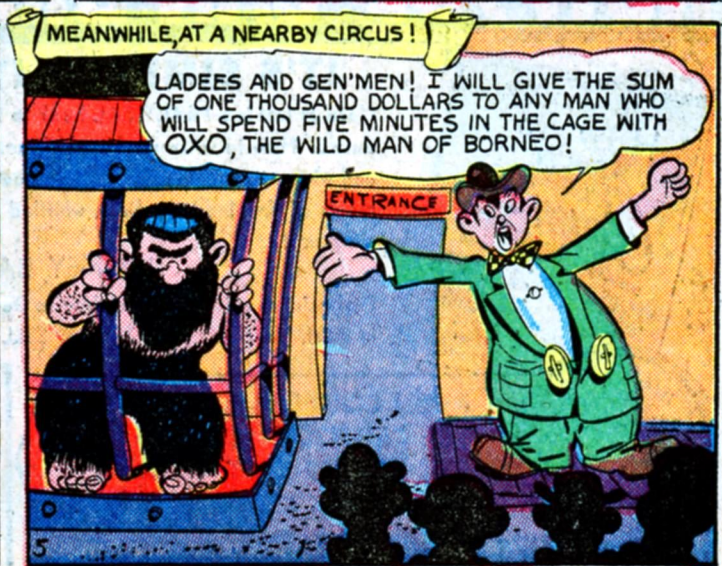
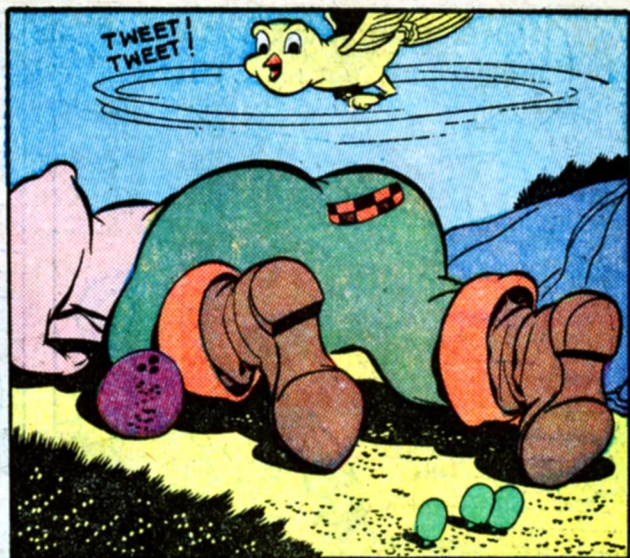
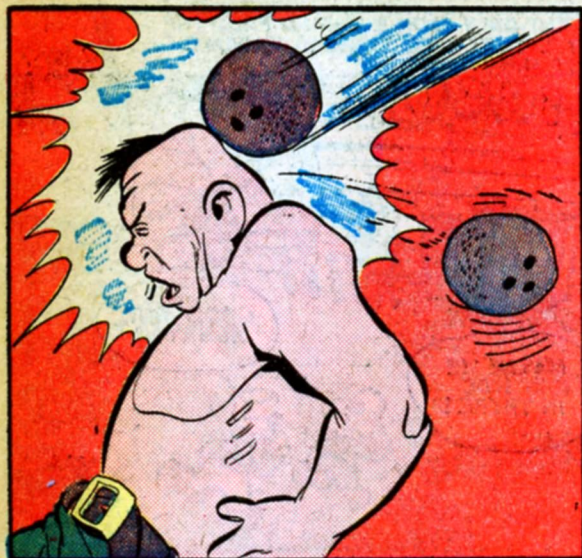
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PUFF!!

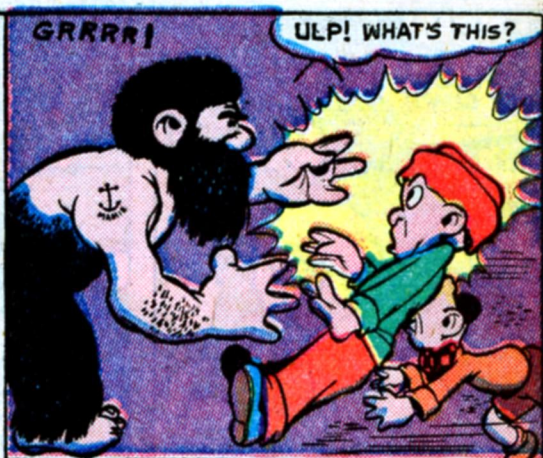
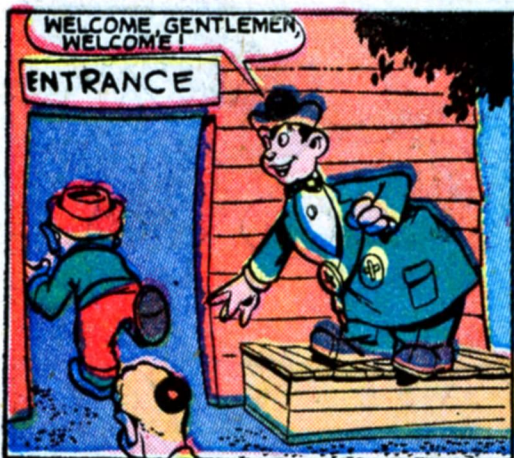


WELL, WE'RE
SAFE FOR THE
TIME BEING, BUT
WHAT NOW, ALI?
WHAT NOW?

NOW, WHICH WAY COULD
THEY HAVE GONE?







WILL ALI BABA ESCAPE FROM THE WILD MAN'S CAGE?

READ NEXT MONTH'S BLUE BEETLE!

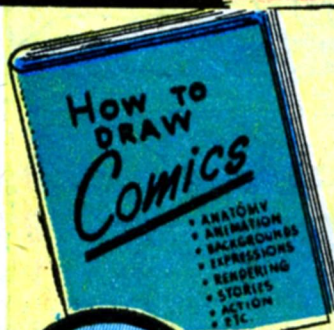
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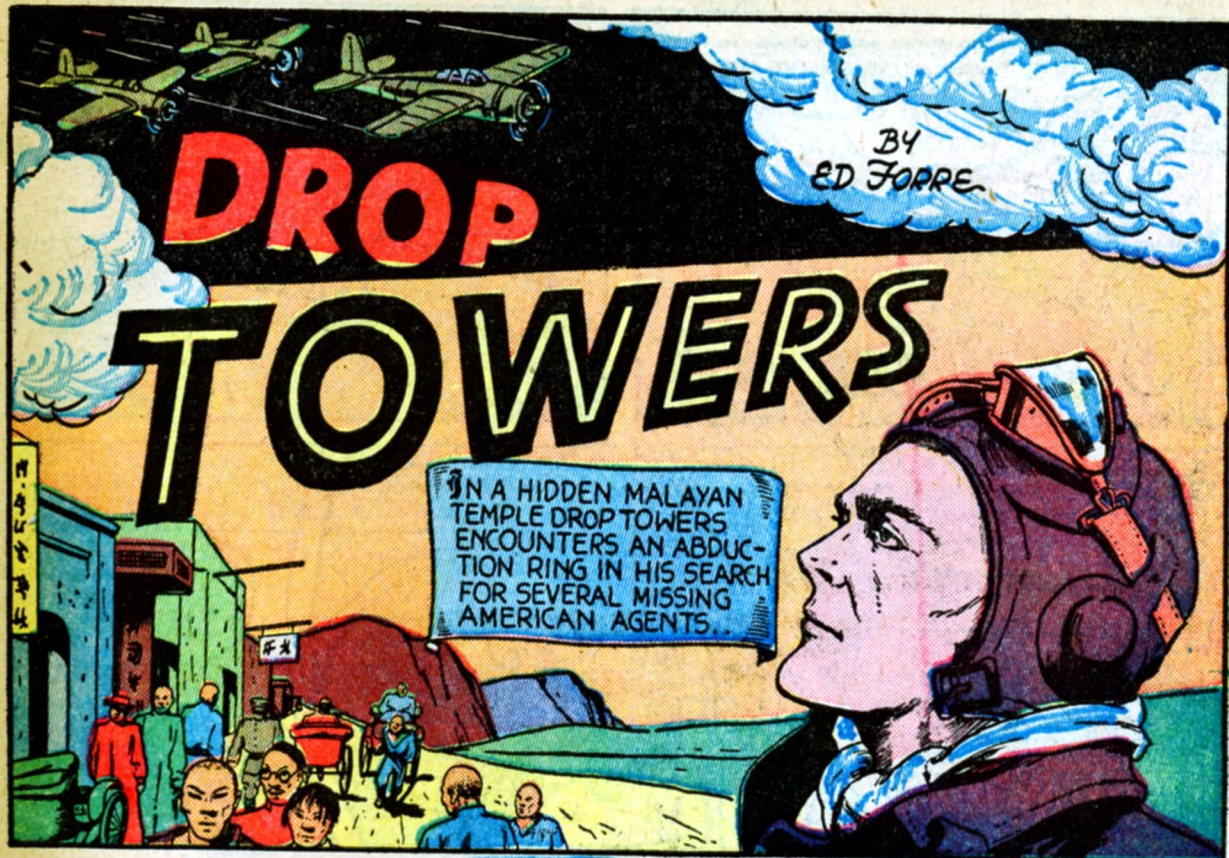
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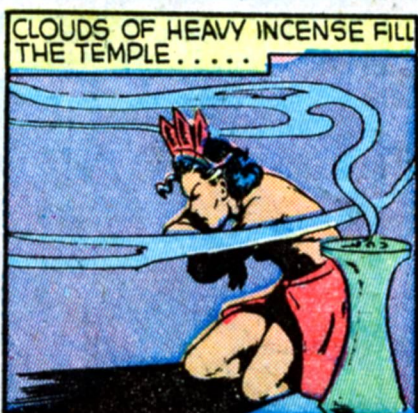
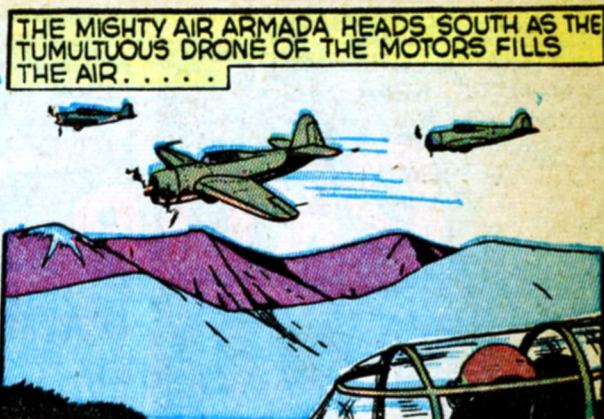
DROP

BY
ED FORRE

TOWERS

IN A HIDDEN MALAYAN TEMPLE DROP TOWERS ENCOUNTERS AN ABDUCTION RING IN HIS SEARCH FOR SEVERAL MISSING AMERICAN AGENTS.





THE DEEP VOICE CONTINUES. . .

I SEE MEN IN CHAINS
SOMEWHERE NEAR
PEIPING. YOU WILL
GO BACK THERE
TO SAVE THEM!
YOU MUST LEAVE
AT ONCE!



BUT DROP IS SKEPTICAL OF
THE ORACLE'S WORDS.

HE'S IN TOO GREAT A
HURRY TO GET
RID OF US!



SUDDENLY, A WOMAN'S
CRY PIERCES THE
QUIET OF THE DIM
TEMPLE.

HELP!
HELP!



THE PRIESTESS SHRINKS
BACK IN ALARM.



THAT CRY CAME
FROM THE IDOL, I'M
SURE. . . ONE OF
OUR AGENTS IS
A WOMAN!



COME ON, BOYS, LET'S
LOOK THIS IDOL
OVER!



SILENTLY, THE PRIESTESS SLIPS UP
BEHIND DROP.

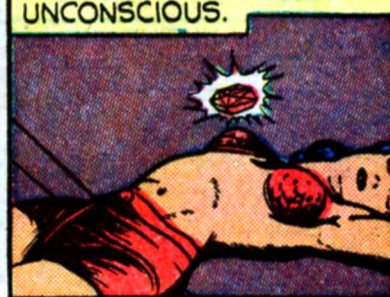
YOU WILL
NEVER
LEARN THE
SECRET OF
THE GREAT
BUDDHA!



JUST THEN, THE GREAT
JEWELLED EYE DROPS.



IT STRIKES THE BEAUTIFUL
MALAYAN. SHE FALLS. . .
UNCONSCIOUS.



DROP, SEEING A
LIGHT SHINE
FROM THE
EMPTY EYE-
SOCKET, CLIMBS
THE HUGE
BRONZE IMAGE
TO INVESTIGATE.



THROUGH THE EYE, HE SEES
A STRANGE SIGHT IN THE
IDOL'S INTERIOR.

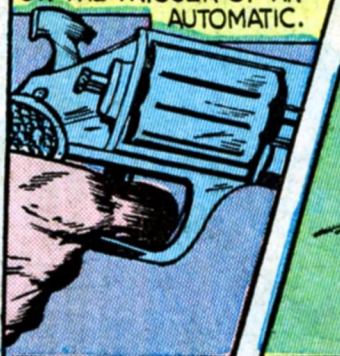


A FIERCE MALAYAN THREATENS THE AMERICAN AGENTS, THAT DROP HAS BEEN TRACING.



YOU CRY OUT AGAIN AND VOICE WILL BE SILENCED FOREVER, MISSY!

A DARK FINGER IS PRESSED ON THE TRIGGER OF AN AUTOMATIC.



BUT DROP IS THE QUICKER..HE SHOOTS THROUGH THE IDOL'S EYE.



DROP'S MEN FIND THE SLIDING PANEL INTO THE HUGE FIGURE, AND HURRY TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS.

WITH AN AGONIZING SHRIEK, THE MALAYAN COLLAPSES... DEAD.



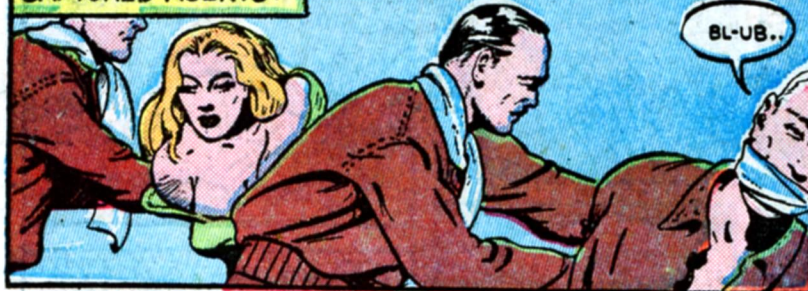
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YOU CERTAINLY ARRIVED IN THE NICK OF TIME!

YOU MUST FEEL LIKE JONAH, BEING INSIDE OF THIS HUGE BUDDHA.

RELEASED, THEY LEAVE THE ANCIENT TEMPLE....

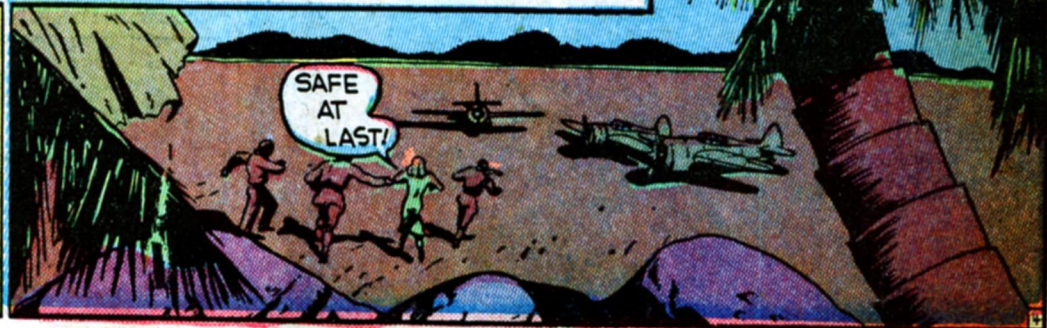
QUICKLY, THEY UNBIND THE CAPTURED AGENTS.



BL-UB..



THE PLANES OF THE DOOM SQUAD ARE WAITING, AS DROP AND HIS MEN DASH TOWARD THEM....



SAFE AT LAST!

MEANWHILE, THE PRIESTESS REVIVES AND STAGGERS TO HER FEET.



THEY'RE GONE! I MUST NOT LET THEM ESCAPE!



I'LL WARN WONG- HE WILL STOP THEM!



THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS PASSAGeways, SHE RUNS-



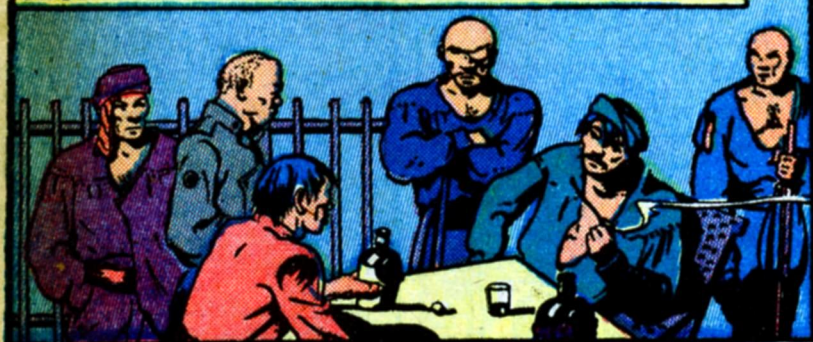
AND REACHES A RICHLY FURNISHED ROOM BELOW THE HALL OF THE IDOL.



SHE KNOCKS FRANTICALLY AT A HEAVY LOCKED DOOR. . .



INSIDE, A GROUP OF RAGGED JAP RENAGADES DISCUSS THEIR NEXT BLOOD-SPILLING MOVE. . .



WONG! WONG! THE AMERICANS HAVE FLED!



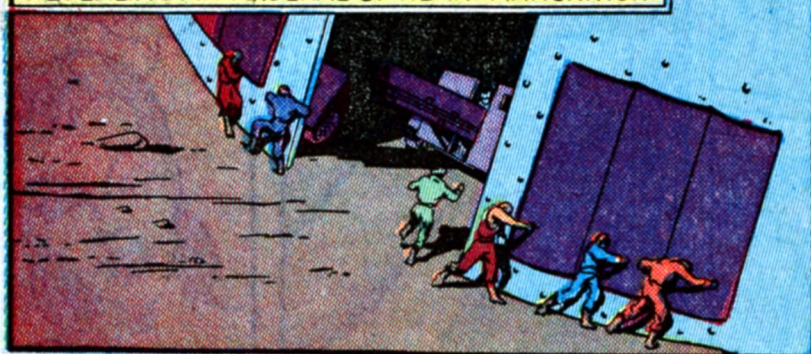
ANGRILY THE SOLDIERS RUSH THROUGH THE GREAT TEMPLE.. WONG SHOUTS ORDERS.



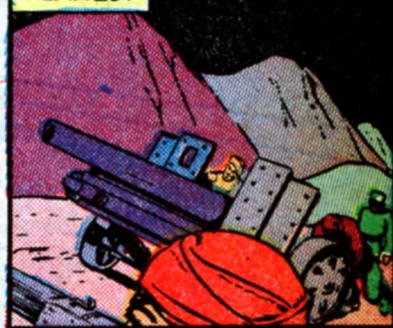
MEANWHILE, DROP'S SQUAD HAS JUST TAKEN TO THE AIR.



IN FRONT OF THE TEMPLE, HUGE DOORS ARE ROLLED BACK, REVEALING AN ARSENAL OF HEAVY AMMUNITION.



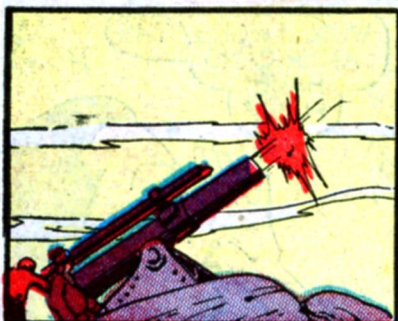
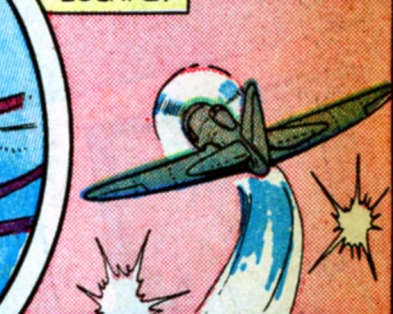
THE BIG GUNS ARE WHEELED OUT, AND AIMED AT THE PLANES.



THE ORIENTALS PEPPER THE AIR WITH SHOTS.



DROP'S PLANES SPEEDILY TRY TO MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE.

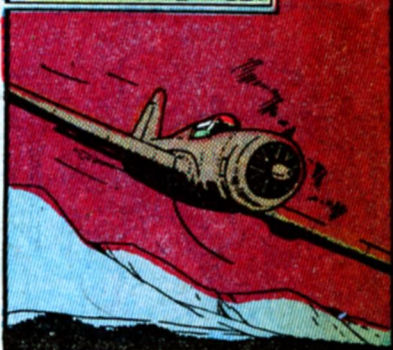


BUT THE FIRING GROWS MORE INTENSE AND ACCURATE AS THE BIG GUNS ARE FIRED.

ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE ASKIN' FOR EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE GOIN' TO GET!



DROP TURNS BACK AND CIRCLES OVER THE TEMPLE.



HERE'S A LIL' PILL!

THE BOMB HITS THE TEMPLE WITH A MIGHTY EXPLOSION.



OK, BOYS, HEAD 'ER NORTH!

A COLUMN OF SMOKE IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE ANCIENT BUILDINGS. . . HATCHING GROUND OF JAP TRICKERY.



COLLECT WASTE PAPER TO HELP THE WAR EFFORT AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE CONTINUANCE OF COMIC BOOKS!

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

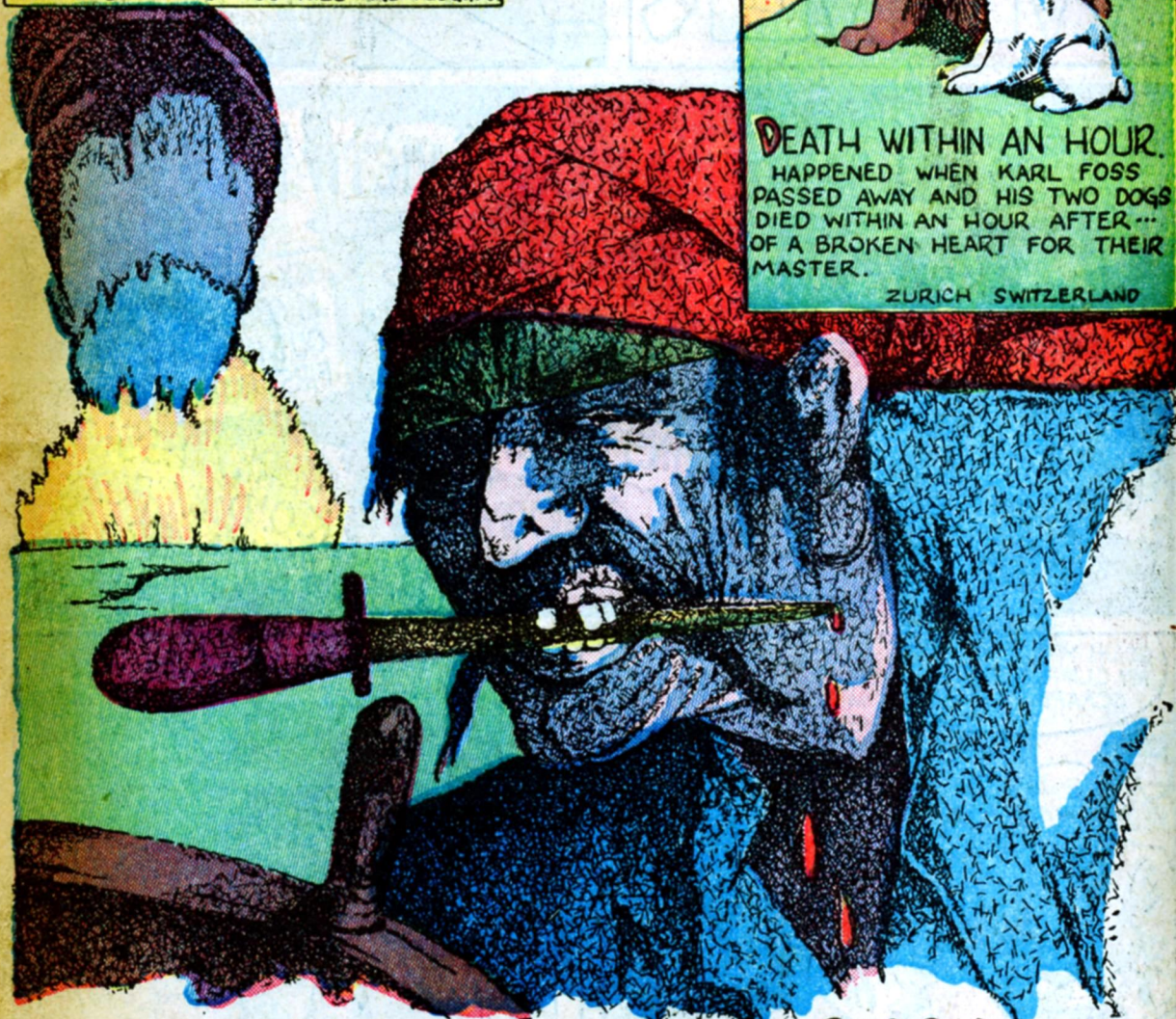


MYSTERY OF THE TORTOISE
AFTER ITS HEAD IS CUT OFF IT CAN
WALK A LONG DISTANCE BUT SUFFOCATES
IN A MOMENT IF ITS NOSTRILS ARE PLUGGED



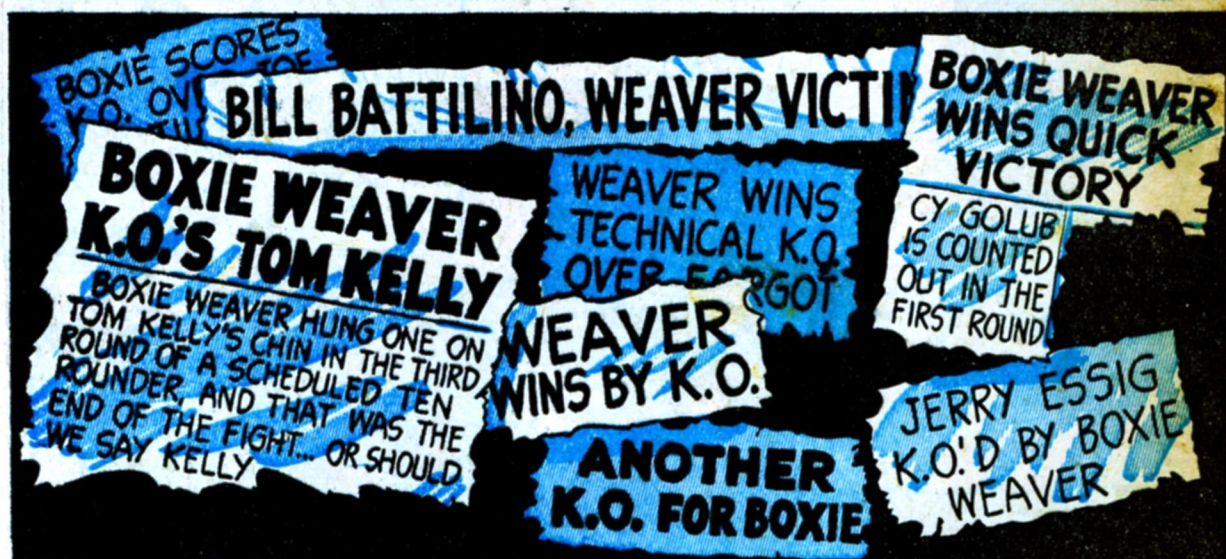
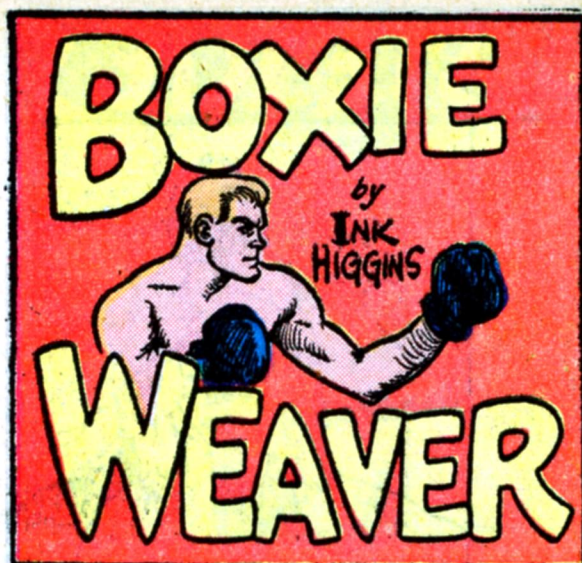
DEATH WITHIN AN HOUR.
HAPPENED WHEN KARL FOSS
PASSED AWAY AND HIS TWO DOGS
DIED WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER...
OF A BROKEN HEART FOR THEIR
MASTER.

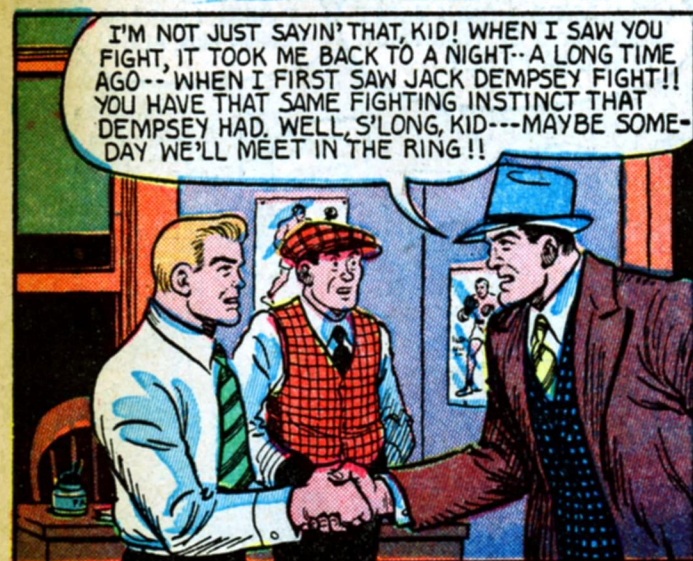
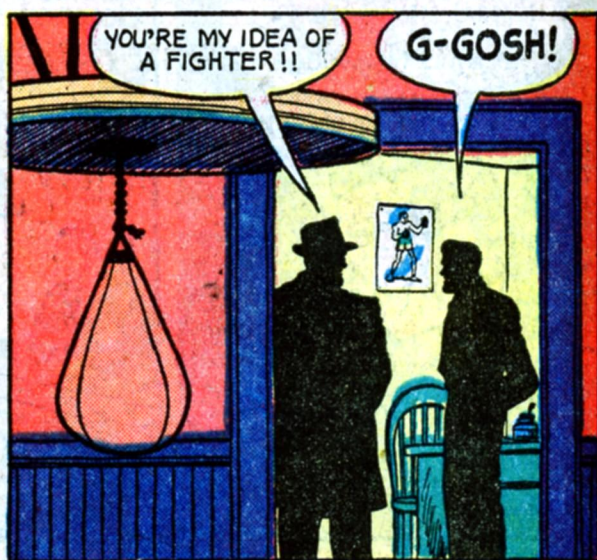
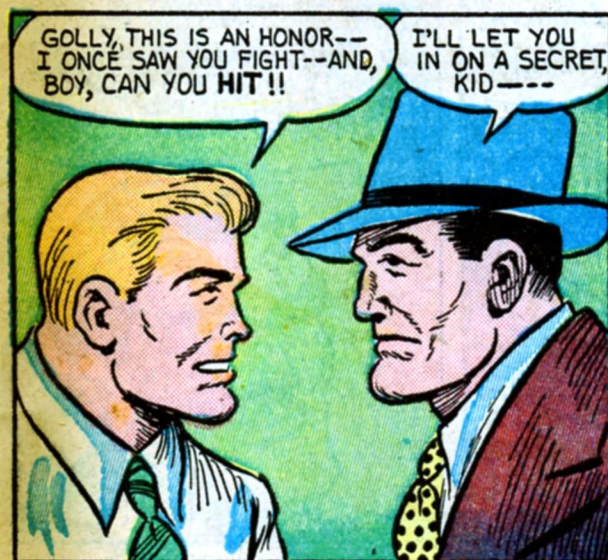
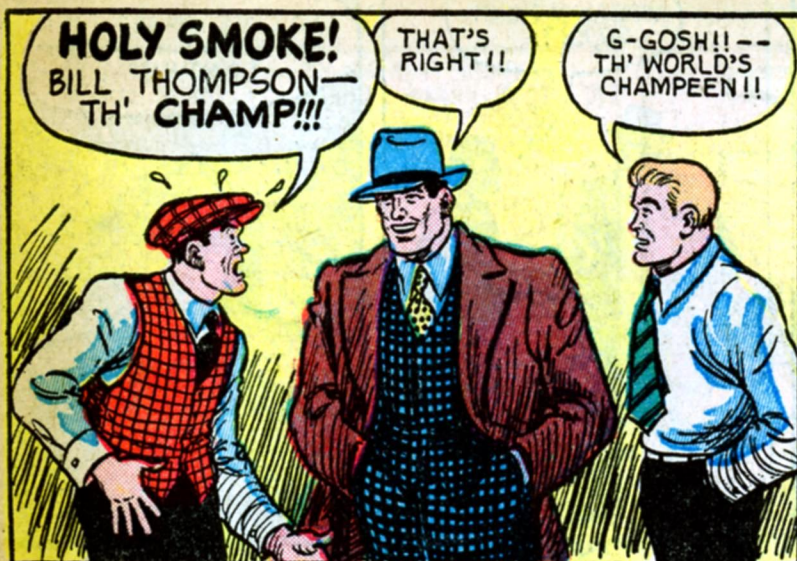
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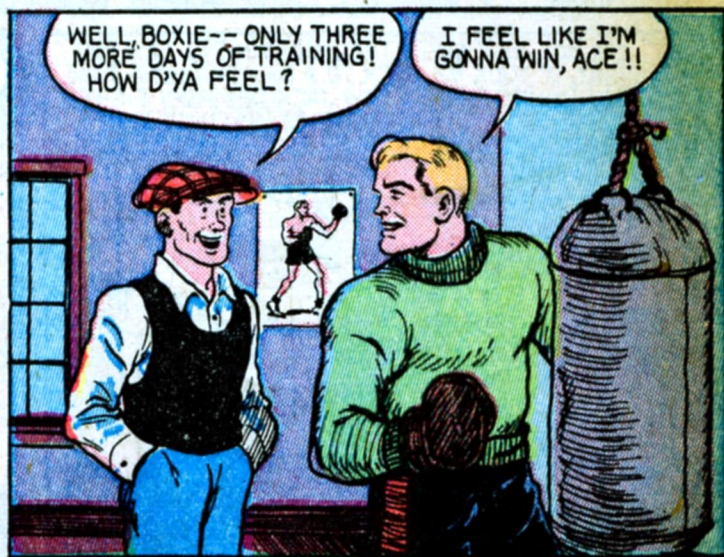
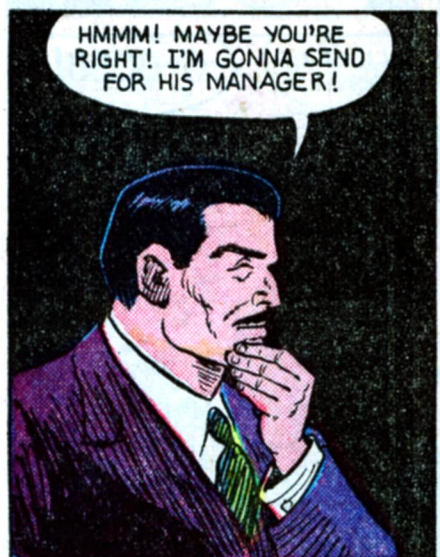


WAS CAPTAIN KIDD A SISSY

HISTORIANS NOW CLAIM THAT THE TERRIBLE CAPTAIN WILLIAM KIDD SHOULD
BE CALLED "FRAIDY-CAT PIRATE." THE ONLY SHIP HE SANK WAS THE QUEEDAGH
MERCHANT. AND ONLY ONE MURDER.





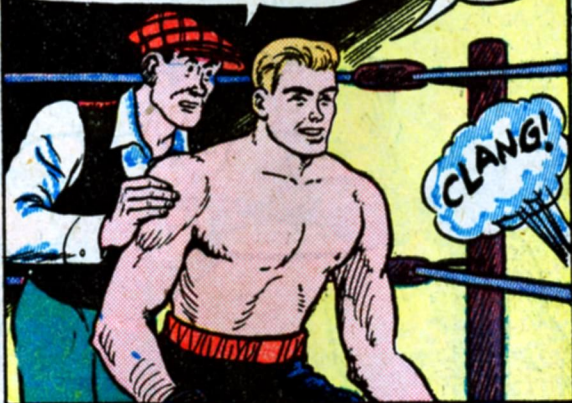


GOOD EVENING, FOLKS--THIS IS BILL CORUM! TO-NIGHT, AS I LOOK AROUND--- I CAN SEE ALMOST EVERY SPORTS CELEBRITY--AND THEY ARE ALL ASKING THE SAME QUESTION--CAN A YOUNG BOY, WITH NO SETBACKS TO HIS RECORD, BEAT SAM SANDBAG, A SEASONED FIGHTER--A MAN, WHO ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO, LOST A DISPUTED DECISION TO THE CHAMPION!! WELL, THEY'LL SOON GET THE ANSWER--THERE'S THE TEN-SECOND WARNING BUZZER NOW!!

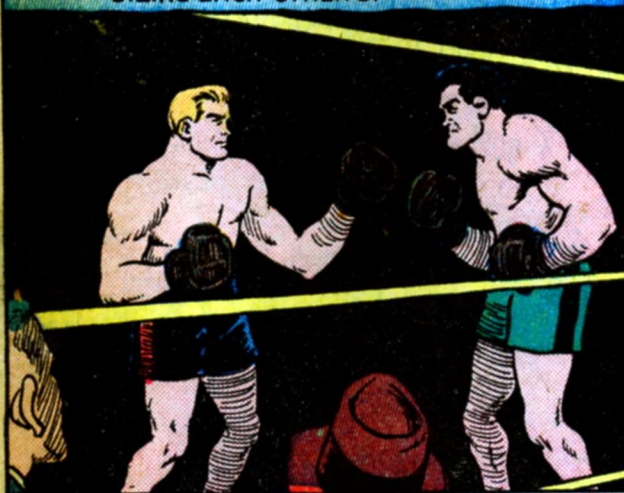


O.K., BOXIE! NOW REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU--LET HIM COME TO YOU! AND DON'T FORGET THAT HIS RIGHT CAN MURDER YOU IF IT LANDS ON YOUR CHIN!!

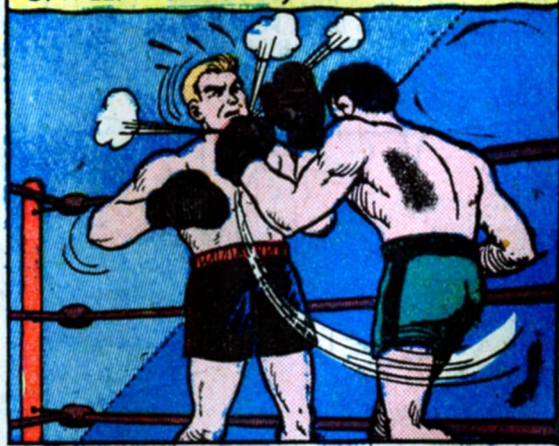
I'LL REMEMBER, ACE!



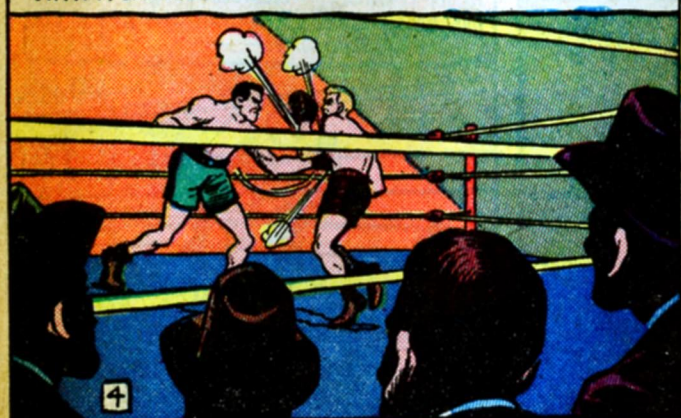
BOTH BOYS ARE IN THE CENTER OF THE RING--SIZING EACH OTHER UP---



THERE'S THE FIRST BLOW--A GLANCING LEFT TO WEAVER'S HEAD--AND ANOTHER LEFT, AND NOW A RIGHT TO THE MID-SECTION, FOLLOWED BY A LEFT TO THE JAW, ALL BY SANDBAG---



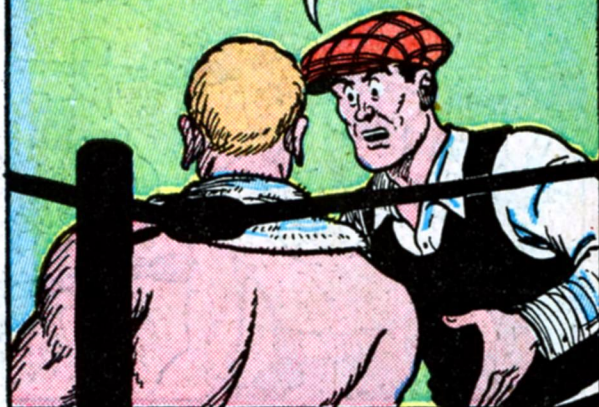
--- BUT WEAVER COMES BACK WITH A RIGHT, AND A LEFT TO THE BODY, AND NOW WEAVER LANDS A HARD RIGHT TO THE CHIN-- BUT SANDBAG RIDES WITH THE PUNCH-- AND ONCE AGAIN SANDBAG TAKES THE OFFENSIVE WITH A DAMAGING LEFT TO THE BODY ---



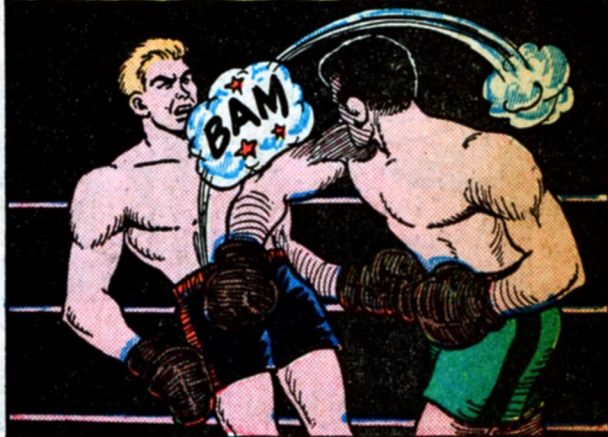
THIS IS A FIGHT, FOLKS--MAKE NO MISTAKE!! BOTH BOYS ARE STANDING THERE, SLUGGING IT OUT--AND THERE'S THE BELL FOR THE END OF THE FIRST--



YOU'RE DOIN' O.K., KID--- BUT DON'T LET YOURSELF OPEN--- AND TRY TO WEAR HIM DOWN--- AND THEN IN ABOUT THE FOURTH, YOU CAN TRY FOR A K.O.!



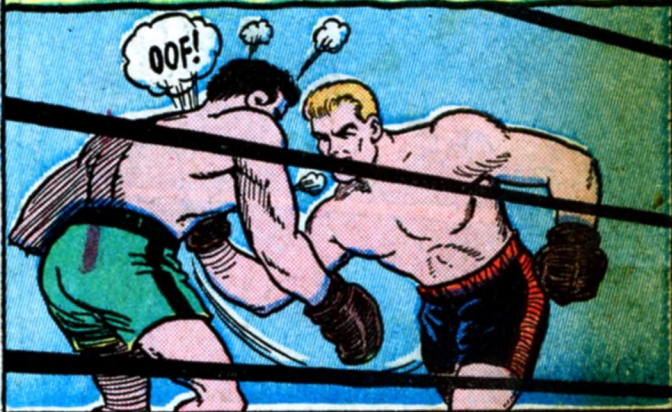
THERE'S THE SECOND ROUND - AND WEAVER WALKS INTO A LEFT JAB --- SANDBAG FOLLOWS WITH A RIGHT TO THE FACE --- AND IT WAS A HARD RIGHT THAT HURT THE YOUNGER MAN!!



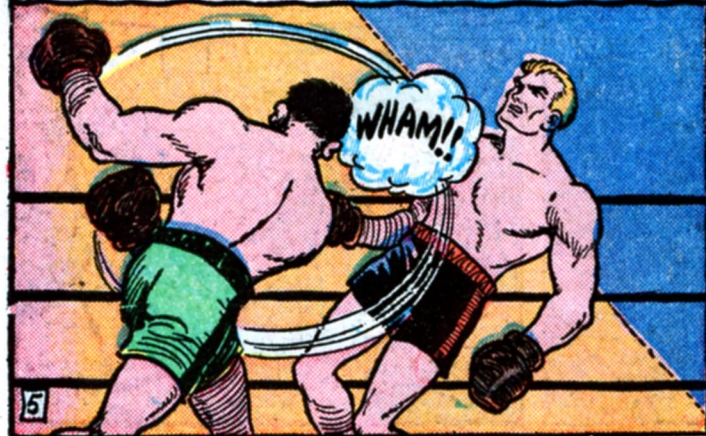
---THE SECOND ROUND IS ALMOST OVER-AND BOTH BOYS ARE STILL SLUGGING AWAY--- NO QUARTER GIVEN AND NO QUARTER ASKED---IT'S A QUESTION OF WHICH ONE CAN KEEP TAKING SUCH PUNISHMENT--REMEMBER, WEAVER IS THE YOUNGER, MORE INEXPERIENCED--THERE'S A HARD RIGHT TO SANDBAG'S CHIN---AND THE END OF THE ROUND!



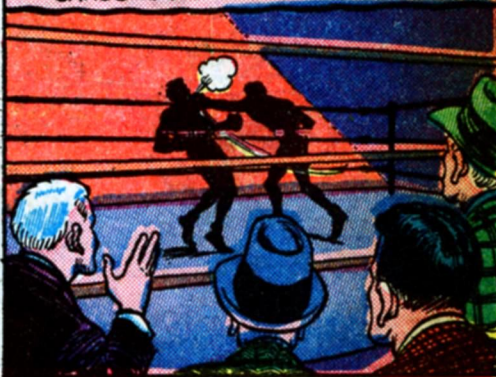
ROUND FOUR--THE FIGHT IS FURIOUS, FOLKS--- BOTH BOYS EXCHANGE BODY BLOWS--AND NOW WEAVER LANDS A HARD RIGHT TO THE CHIN--AND A LEFT TO SANDBAG'S JAW--AND A LEFT TO THE BODY, AND NOW A HARD RIGHT TO THE MIDSECTION BY BOXIE ---

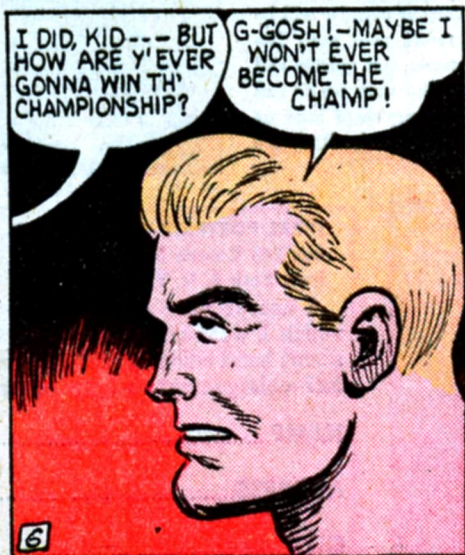
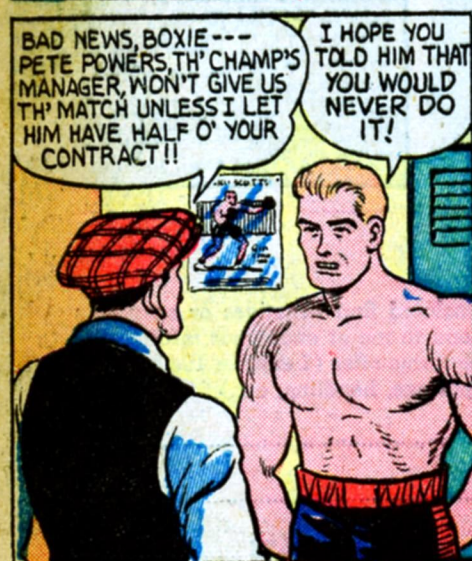
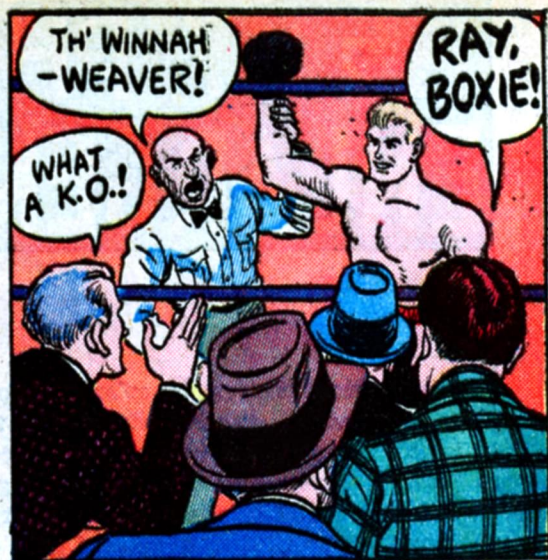
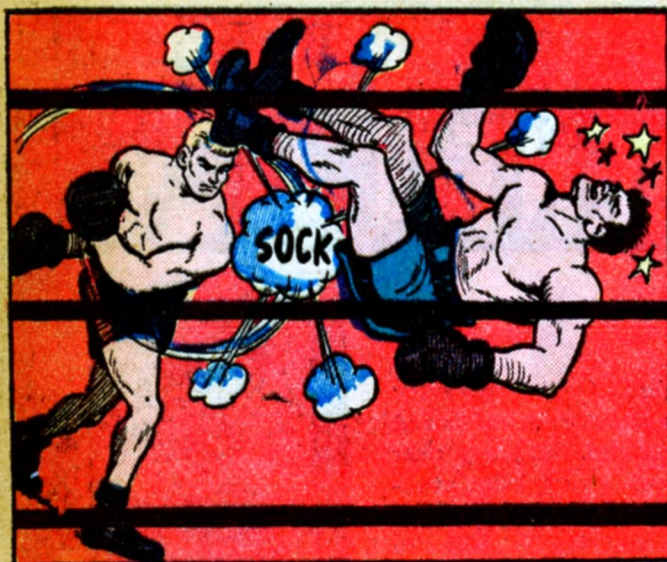


-- BUT SANDBAG BREAKS AWAY---BOXIE SEEMS ANXIOUS NOW--HE THROWS A LEFT, BUT MISSES--AND SANDBAG FINDS WEAVER WIDE OPEN--HE SHOOTS A MURDEROUS RIGHT TO THE CHIN THAT STAGGERS WEAVER---



-- AND NOW SANDBAG RUSHES IN FOR THE --- BUT WEAVER COMES BACK AND THROWS A LEFT, A RIGHT, AND ANOTHER RIGHT TO THE BODY---AND NOW SANDBAG IS IN TROUBLE--WEAVER KEEPS MOVING IN--AND THERE'S A DAMAGING LEFT TO SANDBAG'S JAW---





**NEXT MONTH
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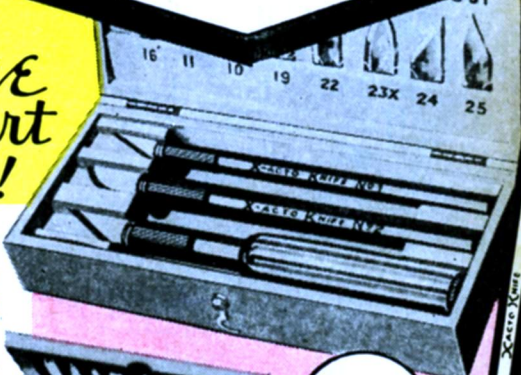
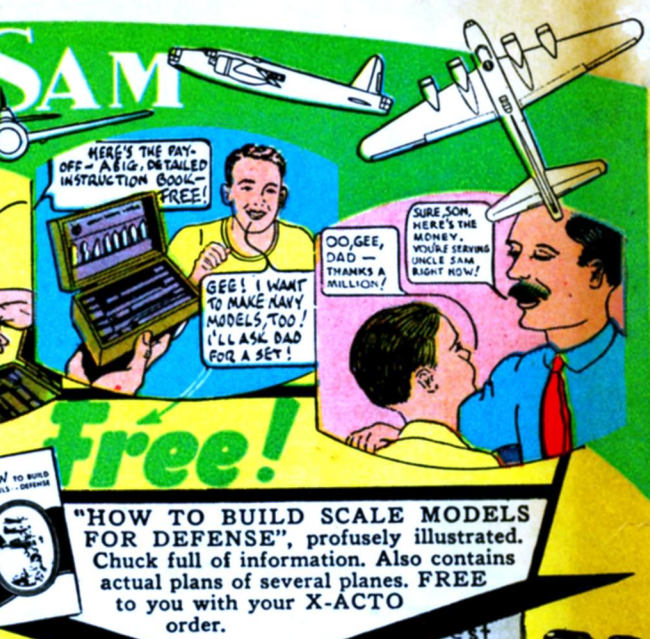
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